

Senegal denies preparing for war

DAKAR (R) — Senegal Saturday denied Mauritanian accusations that it was preparing for war following their four-month-old border dispute. "It would be madness to seek war... our aim is not to wage war against Mauritania but to find a lasting settlement to our border dispute," Senegalese President Abdou Diouf told a meeting of the ruling Socialist Party in Dakar. Mauritania has accused its southern neighbour of preparing for war and said Senegal's "belligerent attitude" posed a serious threat to peace. Relations between Mauritania and Senegal are at their lowest ebb since a bitter border dispute April 9 unleashed a wave of shootings and killings in the two countries. Hundreds of people were killed and thousands of refugees fled both countries in ethnic violence between black Senegalese and predominantly light-skinned, Arabic-speaking Moors. Senegal claims the fertile north bank of the River Senegal which separates the countries while Mauritania is demanding financial compensation for Mauritanian properties destroyed during the riots in Senegal. Earlier this month the Organisation of African Unity set up a committee charged with resolving the dispute.

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Arabs renew Lebanon effort

ABAT (Agencies) — The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia and Algeria arrived in Morocco Saturday to renew Arab League efforts to silence Lebanon's blaring guns.

Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelkader Bensouda told Moroccan officials they would draw up a report for their heads of state to their Moroccan counterparts.

King Hassan of Morocco, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid are given a six-month mandate to try to end Lebanon's year-long civil war, but have so far made no progress.

"We have noted a deterioration recently in the situation in Lebanon," said Bensouda, speaking after Beirut reeled from a night of heavy bombardment.

Diplomatic sources said the eight ministers were expected to start their meeting Saturday morning after informal contacts during the afternoon.

The sources said the ministers would probably appeal to the international community to step pressure on all parties in Lebanon's war to make concessions.

Only one-sixth of Beirut's 1.5 million residents remained in the city Saturday as gunners battered the area with rocket fire, killing at least 42 people and wounding 42.

Fires blazed out of control and thick black smoke billowed from gaping holes that rockets and shells made in apartment buildings in both western and eastern sectors.

The new casualties raised the toll to 502 killed and 2,056 wounded in the 19-week confrontation between forces loyal to commander Michel Aoun and Syrian-backed militiamen. Police estimated that only about 250,000 people remain in the city, the rest having fled to safer areas or abroad.

Most of Beirut's residents have fled to South Lebanon, the eastern Bekaa Valley and the mountainous northeast of the city, escape the deadly shelling and, a spokesman said.

Radio stations interrupted regular programming early in the day to report that shelling duels were continuing across a mountain range southeast of the capital.

"The fight started very early today," the Voice of the Nation radio reported in a news flash.

The Voice of Lebanon radio urged civilians to "take maximum precaution because the shelling might escalate and spread to other areas."

Many Lebanese said they had little hope that the Arab League foreign ministers' committee would relieve their suffering.

"Last week I was optimistic, but after this mad shelling all my hopes were dashed. I started seeing everything in black," said taxi driver Kamal Shehab, a father of six.

"I plead with him everyday to leave. We could go to the south... like other people. But he won't leave the house. It's all we have," said his wife Fatima.

People remaining in Beirut took advantage of the morning lull to sweep away broken glass and rubble caused by the night shelling and to buy food.

The latest bombardment erupted when gunners shelled ports to prevent arms from reaching Aoun.

"It's not permissible to have rocket launchers and artillery positions between apartment buildings," said Shehab who lives in the crowded Mazraa residential district of west Beirut.

"There is a rocket launcher mounted on a truck that roams the streets of our neighbourhood and fires on the (Aoun) side. Of course they are going to retaliate by shelling our area," he added.

Security sources said gunners of the Lebanese Forces (LF) militia, which controls the Christian enclave with Aoun's troops and is a staunch foe of Syria, were taking part in the shelling of west Beirut.

LF rockets are said by the sources to have caused far more casualties among civilians in west Beirut than the more precise howitzers usually used by Aoun's gunners.



An Israeli policeman questioning a Palestinian in the Abn Tor neighbourhood of occupied territories.

Tarifi: Shamir talks amount to indirect contact with PLO

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — West Bank lawyer Jamil Tarifi said Saturday that by meeting him Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had held indirect contact with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"It's not meeting directly with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, but you can say it's indirectly meeting with the PLO," Tarifi told army radio in an interview.

Tarifi, noting it is illegal under Israeli law to belong to the PLO, described himself as a supporter of the organisation.

He said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had no representative in the occupied territories and he had only told "friends" about his controversial meeting with Shamir this month.

But Tarifi said he understood from local newspapers that Arafat knew about the meeting and approved it both before it took place and afterwards.

Tarifi said he differed with Shamir over the purpose of the elections Israel is proposing for the occupied territories.

He said Shamir, who hopes the elections will create a new leadership to negotiate limited self-

rule, spoke of them as a first stage without discussing what would follow.

"He said we just have to negotiate and negotiate and when we've failed we have to negotiate again until we succeed," Tarifi said.

"I myself declared to him very openly that elections as a principle we accept... but we need to know exactly where these elections will lead us — if it is a complete peace plan or just elections," he said.

Hardline rivals in his right-wing Likud party assailed Shamir last week when it was revealed he had met PLO supporters from the occupied territories.

The hardliners said Shamir violated a Likud central committee decision not to negotiate with Palestinians until the 19-month-old uprising ends. They also called such meetings harbingers of a Palestinian state.

Tarifi is so far the only Palestinian to admit meeting Shamir.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian accused of collaborating with Israel died in hospital Saturday after being stabbed by unidentified attackers in the occupied Gaza Strip's Shaf refugee camp, hospital officials said.

Palestinian sources said Walid Barud, 23, was well-known for collaborating with the Israeli occupation authorities.

Barud's death, following the Friday night attack, brings the death toll in the Palestinian uprising to 570 Arabs.

Troops shot and wounded a 30-year-old woman bystander in the head in Rafah refugee camp when a clash broke out with stone throwers at a weekly market.

Israeli authorities lifted a curfew on Jabalya refugee camp and imposed curfews on Deir Al Balah refugee camp and the Gaza neighbourhood of Tofah.

Israel radio said police arrested four Jews accused of abducting and beating a 22-year-old Arab construction worker in the Israeli coastal town of Rishon LeZion on a beach on Friday night. The man was left on a beach after the alleged attack.

Army radio said an Arab youth selling fruit in Jerusalem Saturday was set upon by Jewish youths and beaten. One arrest was said to have been made. Israel radio had earlier reported the second attack took place in Rishon LeZion.

Wojciech Jaruzelski

The change was expected to be accompanied by purges of the 17-member ruling politburo and possibly of the 230-member central committee to give the party a younger, more dynamic reformist leadership.

The overhaul at the top of the party follows its crushing defeat by the Solidarity free trade union in partly-free parliamentary elections last month.

Rakowski, who had to fight off a leadership challenge by conservative party ideologist Marian Orzechowski, was considered the best man to continue democratic changes begun by Jaruzelski.

A long-time protégé of Jaruzelski, he is expected to give the badly-divided party a more modern left-wing image to help it to contest fully-free parliamentary elections expected within four years.

Jaruzelski, who imposed martial law to crush Solidarity on Dec. 13, 1981, two months after taking over the party leadership, ended his rule over the party by pushing it towards radical democratisation.

However, the changes have caused disarray and fears of a split in the party between reformists and hardliners.

Before the vote Rakowski

Rakowski elected Polish party leader

WARSAW (Agencies) — President Wojciech Jaruzelski resigned Saturday as the head of the Communist Party but has led since 1981 and was replaced by outgoing Prime Minister Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski, the PAP news agency announced.

Rakowski was elected by a vote of 171 to 41, PAP said. The resignation fulfilled a promise Jaruzelski made before becoming president July 19.

The selection of the 62-year-old Rakowski to replace Jaruzelski culminated a remarkable political rise by the politician, who joined the politburo only in December 1987 after having been dropped from the government in 1985. In recent months he has been roundly criticised for his government's handling of the economy.

A party member with a long reputation as a reformer, in the past year Rakowski has become the champion of conservative elements in the party and those concerned about the rising influence of Solidarity.

The leadership change ended nearly eight years of rule by Jaruzelski who became first secretary on Oct. 18, 1981, and led Poland through one of its most turbulent post-war decades.



Wojciech Jaruzelski

came under heavy attack in the central committee from hardliners over his government's handling of the Polish economy since he became prime minister 10 months ago.

In other developments Saturday, PAP said the plenum adopted a resolution declaring the party's willingness to work with Solidarity.

The formerly banned Solidarity now controls 99 out of 100 seats in the new freely elected senate and 161 of the 460 seats in the Sejm, or parliament. Many party-backed candidates suffered humiliating defeats in the election.

The resolution reaffirmed the party's January decision to legalise Solidarity and "defined conditions" needed to improve the economy, PAP said, without elaborating.

Nabulsi: No intention to seize foreign accounts

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan has no intention whatsoever of seizing foreign currency accounts of its own nationals or foreigners living in the country because such a move will undermine the genuine interests of the Kingdom's economy, Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Saeed Al Nabulsi said Saturday.

In an interview with Jordan Television broadcast Saturday evening, Nabulsi said Jordan was pinning great hopes on its nationals working abroad since their remittances constitute an important and basic support for the Kingdom's economy.

Nabulsi dismissed rumours related to the CBJ measure to hold 35 per cent of all commercial bank deposits and said the move was aimed at protecting the deposits and pointed out that the Central Bank was paying interest on such deposits to the concerned

banks as in any part of the world. The CBJ governor called on the public not to convert their Jordanian dinars into foreign currencies since it would drive the national currency into further slumps. He also pointed out that the buyers also risked acquiring forged banknotes.

Summarising the real reasons behind the instability of the national currency, Nabulsi said it was caused by the drop in Arab aid to Jordan, the adoption of a policy based on expanding the development process in Jordan and the psychological factor which is caused by rumours.

The Israeli occupation authorities, Nabulsi said, "waged this psychological war by disseminating rumours about possible devaluation of the dinar."

"These authorities, later imposed restrictions on the transfer of the Jordanian currency to the

occupied territories in an effort to liquidate the savings of the Palestinians in the occupied territories, and spread rumours that the dinar would be changed into pound thus giving the impression that those who do not change the dinar into another currency would lose," Nabulsi said.

Noting that many people changed their savings of dinars into other currencies, Nabulsi said large amounts of dinars were seized while being smuggled into Jordan from the occupied territories and called for restoring confidence in the Jordanian currency.

"It is our duty to warn our brothers about the need to preserve their savings by maintaining confidence in their national currency and turning away from whatever shakes their confidence," he said.

East-West summit in the air

PARIS (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Saturday a superpower summit could take place "rather soon" if talks in September go well, but his U.S. counterpart James Baker refused to name a date.

Speaking to reporters after more than three hours of talks in Paris, the two sides said they had agreed to hold a full scale ministerial meeting Sept. 19 and 20, possibly in the northwestern U.S. state of Wyoming.

"If we prepare well and successfully then of course the summit will take place rather soon," Shevardnadze said. He added that the Paris meeting, in the residence of the Soviet ambassador, had been "businesslike and constructive."

Baker said the two sides had decided to hold "our next full ministerial meeting in the U.S. on Sept. 19 and 20."

The full-scale ministerial meeting, with teams of advisers on both sides, would discuss what has now become a routine agenda for the two powers, on arms control, human rights, regional issues and the environment.

"We are exploring the possibility of holding our ministerial in the state of Wyoming," Baker added. U.S. sources said the idea was to get away from Washington and Moscow and see each other's country.

Asked about the prospects of a summit this year, Baker reflected Washington's caution about giving in to Soviet pressure for an early date without the promise of substantive agreement.

"We will discuss that in more depth on the 19th and 20th of September. If you're asking 'will the president of the U.S. and the Soviet leader meet in the future?', then the answer is obviously 'yes, they will get together,'" Baker said.

Baker and Shevardnadze were also expected to discuss the search for peace in Cambodia ahead of a 19-nation conference which both are scheduled to address Sunday.

The Soviet Union has displayed impatience with what it perceives as a slackening of momentum in the superpower dialogue since the last summit between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and former President Ronald Reagan in New York in December.

President George Bush has said he will meet Gorbachev when "there was something constructive" to come out of a summit.

In May the Soviet Union announced it was withdrawing 500 short-range nuclear missiles from Europe this year.

The U.S. regained the initiative later in the month when Bush, on his first European trip as president, proposed a 20 per cent cut in U.S. combat troops in Europe, cuts in airforces and new ceilings on both Soviet and U.S. ground forces.

In a proposal he said would "really put Mr. Gorbachev to the test" Bush suggested a time limit of between six months and a year for an agreement at the conventional forces negotiations which began in Vienna last March.

Israel under fire for kidnapping

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Israel came under heavy international criticism Saturday over its abduction Friday of a Lebanese Shi'ite cleric.

But, the Israeli army pursued a defiant line and warned Lebanon's pro-Iranian Hizbollah militia against harming hostages in retaliation for the seizure of its leader in South Lebanon.

"For an organisation like Hizbollah, harm to the leader of the organisation is of great importance," said Brigadier-General Raanan Gissin, deputy army spokesman for the foreign press.

"Therefore, they'll think twice before they harm hostages. Obeid and his two associates are in Israeli hands and undergoing investigation," Gissin told reporters.

Hizbollah is believed to hold some of the 22 foreigners, including 10 Americans and four Britons, missing believed kidnapped

in Lebanon. It has denied any involvement.

Helicopter-borne Israeli commandos seized Sheikh Abdul Kareem Obeid and two colleagues before dawn Friday from his home in South Lebanon. The army accused him of masterminding attacks on Israel.

Security sources in South Lebanon said Obeid helped plan the February 1988 kidnapping of U.S. Marine Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins, then serving with U.N. peacekeeping forces.

Even before Friday's kidnapping, Israeli officials had said they believed capturing a Shi'ite figure could have an influence on winning the release of three Israeli servicemen held in Lebanon.

In Beirut, a senior Hizbollah cleric ruled out any prisoner swap for Obeid and said the pro-Iranian group would attack Israel

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Libyans recover flight recorders from KAL jet

TRIPOLI (R) — The flight recorders of the Korean Airlines (KAL) DC-10 which crashed at Tripoli airport, killing 78 people, have been found but it will take time to analyse them, a Libyan official said Saturday.

Seven Libyans on the ground were among those killed when the plane with 197 people aboard ploughed through houses and orchards in thick early-morning mist Thursday.

Mustafa Maghrebi, head of a Libyan commission of inquiry, told Reuters that neither Libya nor a visiting team of KAL experts had the means to interpret the recordings.

"We will probably ask a European country to work on them," Maghrebi said at Tripoli airport.

Maghrebi's commission and the KAL team, led by company chairman Cho Choong-Hoon, listed Saturday to the tape of exchanges between the pilot and the control tower but apparently came to no conclusions.

The Libyan official confirmed the pilot's last remark was "I am going to land" at about 7.13 a.m. (0513 GMT). The recording was clear and there was no distortion in the communications system, he added.

The pilot, who has not been named, was injured in the crash but is out of danger, hospital sources said.

Airport and KAL sources said survivors with injuries were to leave Tripoli Saturday evening for Seoul, where they will continue their treatment.

In Seoul, a KAL spokesman said a second plane had left for Libya with medical supplies and 41 coffins. The plane which brought Cho and the rest of the KAL team Friday was carrying 38 coffins.

Libyan Medical teams saved the lives of many injured survivors from the airliner, according to South Korean diplomats.

Most of them (the survivors) are in good condition because of the actions of Libyan medical teams and the intensive care," a spokesman at the South Korean embassy in Tripoli told Reuters.

He said three people were in a critical condition, another 27 were hospitalised but the remaining 98 people on the flight were "safe and well."

The official Libyan News Agency (JANA) has stressed the possibility of pilot error as the cause of the accident, saying the Tripoli control tower warned the pilot that visibility was only 240 metres.

But Cho's brother, KAL President "Charlie" Cho Choong-Kon, told reporters in Seoul it was unreasonable to blame either the crew or the aircraft in view of the pilot's experience and the condition of the plane.

"I believe the aircraft faced unavoidable circumstances while trying to land in dense fog," he added.

The plane, on a flight from Seoul to Tripoli via Bangkok and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, missed the runway and broke into pieces as it cut through the lightly-populated area before bursting into flames.

Most of the dead were killed by burns. Most of the survivors were not seriously injured.

The embassy spokesman said that one person was still in critical condition and some 40 to 50 were still in hospital. The others have moved out to hotels or to company camps, he said.

The passengers, all but 10 of them South Koreans, were mostly young men working on construction projects in Libya.

It was the second DC-10 disaster in nine days — 111 people were killed July 19 when one of the planes crashed at Sioux City in the United States.





A Greek-Cypriot woman stages a sit-in at the headquarters of the U.N. peacekeeping force in Cyprus.

Turkish-Cypriots free protesters

NICOSIA (AP) — Turkish Cypriot authorities have freed eight Greek Cypriot men detained during nine days after their arrest during a women's protest in the United Nations-poled buffer zone splitting this island.

Two Greek Orthodox clergymen, Bishop Chrysostomos of Larnaca and Father Georgios Papachrysostomou, are still jailed in the northern sector.

The men, among them two reporters and a doctor, were arrested July 19 together with 98 women protesters when Turkish Cypriot riot police and soldiers burst into a church on the green line dividing Nicosia.

The women, who staged the protest to mark the 15th

anniversary of the Turkish intervention in 1974, already have been released.

The men were taken from a jail in the north and driven to Astromeritis village 20 kilometres west of Nicosia, where they were handed over to U.N. soldiers.

Parliament Speaker Vassos Lyssarides, standing in for President George Vassiliou who was on a visit to Greece, welcomed them on behalf of the government.

The detentions triggered a political crisis that aggravated sectarian tensions and has delayed a round of reunification talks between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders.

Vassiliou said he was willing to go to Wednesday's meeting, but it was called off when Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash decided not to attend the closed-door session at the home of U.N. special representative Oscar Camilión.

The negotiations on a U.N. blueprint for reunifying the island as a bi-zonal federation are expected to resume next week, but no date has been set.

U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar earlier this week called for the immediate release of all detainees. He criticised the violation of the buffer zone, both by the demonstrators and the Turkish Cypriot riot police.

Israel under fire over kidnap

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unless he was freed.

"Israel will bear the dire consequences of his abduction," said Sheikh Abbas Musawi.

Egypt denounced the abduction as a terrorist act and said it could lead to more violence in the Middle East.

"What Israel has done is an act of terrorism that should be denounced by the international community," Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali told reporters.

"There is no point condemning terrorism by groups and organisations at a time when Israel as a state and a member of the international community practices the most horrible forms of terrorism contradicting all international laws," he said.

"Such actions do not help the cause of peace. Rather, they open the way for extremism and violence that will burn all."

United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar condemned the kidnapping and asked that the kidnap victims be returned to Lebanon.

"The secretary general deplores this action which constitutes a violation of Lebanese sovereignty and can only increase tension in an already explosive area," his spokesman said in a statement.

"He asks for the freeing of the three kidnapped Lebanese and their return, safe and sound, to Lebanon," he added.

Perez de Cuellar's statement followed condemnation of the raid by Iran and Britain. U.S. President George Bush has made no direct comment on the command raid, but told reporters: "I don't think kidnapping and violence help the cause of peace."

Tehran Radio quoted Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi as saying the kidnap "will definitely heighten the just struggle of

Lebanese Muslims against Israel and their Falangist allies."

"If this act had been committed by an oppressed nation, Western governments and the United Nations would have been up in arms."

"(They would have) issued several statements by now and gone as far as urging economic sanctions and military aggression," Mousavi said. "But now everyone is gripped with a deadly silence."

Britain's Foreign Office deplored the kidnapping of Obaid and called for his release.

The archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Robert Runcie, issued a statement condemning the Israeli action.

"Kidnapping is an abominable crime whoever commits it, and when done by a state it is especially abominable. The man should be released immediately," the archbishop said.

Sudan junta enhances powers

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Sudan's military junta has formally tightened its grip over all affairs of state a month after toppling the civilian government.

The 15-member junta, headed by coup leader General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, issued a decree granting the next head of state overwhelming powers. Bashir, already prime minister, defence minister and commander-in-chief, is the obvious candidate.

The decree gives the head of state authority to declare war, impose a state of emergency and supervise the work of the judiciary, the offices of the attorney-general and the auditor-general, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said Saturday. He would also have authority over the civil service.

Bashir, an obscure brigadier until he ousted Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's government June 30, has already imposed a state of emergency, suspended the constitution, dissolved parliament, political parties and trade unions and closed down the

press.

Under the same decree, the junta is given a supervisory role over the 21-man civilian cabinet appointed on July 9 to run day-to-day affairs.

Sudan's former head of state, Ahmad Ali Al-Mirghani, was on holiday in Crete when Bashir, 45, seized power and is now reported to be seeking political asylum in Cairo.

Mirghani was chairman of the five-man Supreme Council, a joint presidency. All other members are in detention following the arrest of Mirghani Ali Nasri this week on his return from an official visit to Geneva.

Some 50 other politicians including Mahdi are also in jail. Bashir has said the former prime minister and others may face trial for corruption and a possible death penalty if convicted.

Bashir arrived in Saudi Arabia

Saturday on his first visit abroad since the coup, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said.

It reported he was greeted at the airport by King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, whose country was one of the first to express support for Bashir after the coup.

Bashir Saturday appointed veteran legal expert Galal Ali Lotfi as head of the judiciary. He sacked the head of the Civil Aviation Authority, Al Sir Hassan Bashir, and named retired army Brigadier Mabgoub Mohammad Mahdi as his replacement.

He also dismissed all directors of state-owned companies and institutions and named another retired brigadier, Abdul Rahman Sir Al Khitan, as refugees commissioner.

Sudan hosts more than one million refugees whose activities have sometimes strained relations with neighbouring countries from which they fled.

The junta this week arrested the leader of the now-dissolved

journalists' union, Yousef Al Shabab, for anti-government activity, sources said Saturday.

Bashir has dissolved Sudan's 36 political parties and banned all newspapers and magazines.

In addition to new powers to appoint the chief justice and senior judges, the new decree gives Bashir the power to approve or commute death sentences and to issue reprieves without explanation.

In the past, Sudan's chief justice was elected by other judges. Senior judges were nominated by the chief justice, then appointed by the head of state.

But the new decree empowers the head of the revolutionary council to "supervise the judiciary, form the supreme judiciary council (and) appoint the chief justice and his deputies."

It also gives him the right of appointment for judges of the high court, the court of appeal and provincial and district courts. He also is to appoint and supervise the attorney general and his

deputies.

The new strongman has accused officials of the former government and numerous members of political parties of corruption.

Bashir has empanelled several courts-martial and investigation committees run by military officers to investigate charges of economic and political corruption.

The junta has also ruled that drug dealers could be executed instead of getting the maximum three years in jail drug-related offences previously attracted.

An official decree said people dealing in opium or growing hashish and those who owned, ran or "protected" premises where drugs were being used could receive death penalties, SUNA reported.

The junta said people who used opium or hashish would be received punishments of three to seven years in jail.

Sudan, a country of 25 million people, does not have a serious drug problem. The most widely-used illicit drug in Sudan is a local brand of hashish called bango.

Kabul says U.S. set on military option

KABUL (R) — Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil has said forthcoming talks between the Soviet Union and the United States would be useful but Washington appeared wedded to the idea of a military solution.

Speaking on his return from Ethiopia Friday, Wakil told reporters: "We are of the opinion that the USA is getting prepared for the battle season and for an extensive offensive in the coming months instead of preparing for a peaceful solution."

As the foreign minister left the airport, at least one rebel-fired rocket whistled overhead and landed nearby. Several others struck later in the same area and in the district of Kabul where many government officials live.

Wakil said that though U.S. President George Bush and Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto declared themselves in favour of a political settlement of the 10-year Afghan war, their actions pointed to the opposite.

"I think that they verbally speak of political settlement but in practice they have concentrated all their efforts to intensify aggression and war," he said.

Wakil was returning from a five-day visit to Addis Ababa where he was an observer at a summit meeting of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

He said the two-day meeting of U.S. and Soviet officials opening

in Stockholm Sunday was necessary and useful.

Originally the meeting on Afghanistan was to be at an experts level, but diplomatic sources in Kabul said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly would be going from Washington.

Both the United States and the Soviet Union are guarantors of the Geneva accords under which Soviet troops finally withdrew from Afghanistan in February.

Both sides continue to pour weapons into the country, Moscow supplying the government of President Najibullah and Washington the Mujahideen guerrillas via Pakistan.

Although the guerrillas, whose leaders are based in the Pakistani city of Peshawar, have suffered military reverses in recent months and sometimes fought among themselves, Washington has pledged to continue supporting the armed campaign.

Asked what he hoped to emerge from the Stockholm meeting, Wakil said: "Our expectation is that the United States of America should stop supplying weapons to the opponent groups and take some effective and practical steps towards the political solution of the problem."

He said ending weapons supplies was not enough and urged the two superpowers to seek a comprehensive programme for

settling the war.

"Because if they do not reach a comprehensive settlement to the problem, it is possible that war will continue."

The Najibullah government has been trying to persuade guerrilla field commanders and Pakistan-based leaders to begin negotiations.

The Peshawar-based interim government formed by seven of the Mujahideen groups is flatly opposed to forming a coalition with the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

Wakil did not repeat recent threats to strike back at Pakistan for what Kabul sees as direct intervention in the war, but he said: "Right now they are carrying out an open and aggressive war."

Pakistan denies direct involvement in Afghanistan though Western diplomats say it is the main conduit for arms to the rebels.

Rocket kills 13

A rebel rocket crashed on to a busy street in Kabul Saturday killing at least 13 people and wounding more than 60, hospital staff said.

The rocket exploded near a petrol station in the western district of Kute Sangi.

It barely damaged the road surface but sent shrapnel and glass ripping through the street,

crowded with lunchtime shoppers.

Most of the injured were rushed to hospital.

International Committee of the Red Cross sources said they had been overwhelmed by the flow of wounded and had to redirect some of casualties to government hospitals.

Saturday's attack followed at least 20 rocket explosions on Friday which killed 10 people and injured 21.

It was the third consecutive Saturday that Kabul had suffered a major attack by Mujahideen rebels.

Last Saturday more than 40 people were killed, and 130 wounded by a rocket barrage on the city centre. Twenty died when a bus station took a direct hit.

The week before a huge car bomb shattered a major shopping street, killing at least nine people.

The Kute Sangi rocket was one of several to hit Kabul burning the day. Government officials were unable to say how many there were or give casualty figures.

Bhutto prediction

Bhutto has predicted intensified war in the coming months between Afghanistan government forces and the Mujahideen, who, she says, prefer to fight.

"I had hoped that political initiative would begin and we could work for a political settlement, but in (its) absence ... it does seem as though the military activities will pick up between now and when the next snows fall in November," Bhutto said in a U.S. Cable News Network interview aired Friday.

Jordan condemns attack on Yemenia

AMMAN (Petra) — A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Saturday voiced Jordan's denunciation of the recent attack against the Yemeni Airlines office in Istanbul.

The spokesman said that Jordan strongly condemns "the planners and execu-

tors of this criminal attack," and expressed Jordan's support for the Yemeni Arab Republic "in the face of any hostile attacks or provocative measures" and called for the capture of the attackers and punishing them to prevent the occurrence of such attacks.

Saudi exhibition opens in U.S.

By Joanne L. Nix

WASHINGTON — Americans in Washington now have a unique opportunity to experience the wonders of Saudi Arabia.

Opening Saturday at the massive Washington Convention Centre, "Saudi Arabia: Yesterday and Today" brings to Washingtonians a slice of life in the kingdom seldom seen here.

The exhibition, which attempts to show the past and present of Saudi Arabia, occupies some 100,000 feet of floor space. Free to the public, it will be here through Aug. 20.

In a pullout section Friday's Washington Post, King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz calls the exhibit "a celebration of Saudi-U.S. friendship — a friendship built on more than 50 years of diplomatic, cultural, commercial and economic relations."

"From the earliest oil field explorations to joint projects aboard the space shuttle Discovery, Saudi Arabians and Americans have faced many challenges together, not the least which is

our common commitment to human development and world peace," Fahd observed.

Among the objects on display are the massive gold and silver doors that once guarded the entrance to the Ka'aba, the first holy shrine in Islam, located at Mecca's Grand Mosque.

Other attractions include folk dancers, an oasis, a recreation of a Saudi village, a bedouin tent, Saudi costume and jewellery, leatherwork, pottery and other crafts, music, laser shows and films.

On display are rare furnishings from Al Mubarrak's Palace in Riyadh and scale models of Makkah fort. According to Adel Al Jubair of the Saudi embassy, most of the items on exhibit were sent from Saudi Arabia; some background arches and settings were constructed on site at the convention centre.

Exhibition sources said that Prince Salman Ibn Abdul Aziz, brother of the king and governor of Riyadh will preside at the opening. Vice-president Dan Quayle and other senior Amer-

ican and Saudi officials also will attend.

The exhibition began its world travels in Germany in 1985 as "Riyadh: Yesterday and Today." It focussed on the history, architecture and development of Riyadh. Similar exhibitions have visited Cologne, Stuttgart and Hamburg, Germany, as well as London, Paris and Cairo. In response to overwhelming international enthusiasm to "Riyadh: Yesterday and Today," King Fahd decreed that the exhibition not only would continue its tour but also be expanded.

According to Abdullah Al Shaikh, a master of arts candidate at Portland State University, the Saudi education mission asked Saudi students to act as hosts at the exhibit. "The government is anxious to show not only the richness of Saudi culture but its modern achievements," he said, pointing out the area of the hall where films on the Arab American Oil Company (ARAMCO) and the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) were running simultaneously.

Iran, Pakistan sign accord on military cooperation

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran and Pakistan have set up a joint commission at ministerial level for cooperation in military training and defence industries, according to the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA).

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted a statement released simultaneously in Islamabad and Tehran as describing the cooperation pact "a significant step by the government of Pakistan and Iran to strengthen bilateral cooperation in military training and the defence industry."

The agreement follows a week-long visit by Pakistan's minister of state for defence, Ghulam Sarwar Cheema, to Tehran where he discussed specific proposals with Iranian officials on training requirements for the Iranian armed forces and joint ventures in defence, IRNA said.

While in Iran earlier this week, Cheema met Iranian Defence Minister Mohammad Hassan Jalali, and Islamic Revolutionary Guards Minister Ali Shamkhani.

The agreement with Pakistan is part of major efforts by Iran to rebuild its military forces following a chain of battlefield defeats against Iraq last year before a ceasefire halted the Gulf war.

Apart from purchasing new weapons, the Iranians have sought to expand their own arms industry, which already is producing surface-to-surface missiles, artillery, light aircraft, and other hardware.

Pakistan, linked with Iran and Turkey in the Economic Development Organisation, has a developed military industry and the Iranians are known to be seeking technological assistance for their programme, particularly in missile development.

The Pakistani air force also has an extensive pilot training programme, and already offers its services to a number of Gulf Arab states.

Iran also has signed defence deals in the past few months with North Korea and the Soviet Union.

| JORDAN TELEVISION | |
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| 16:25 | Asir |
| 17:40 | Maghreb |
| 21:09 | Tida |
| PROGRAMME ONE | |
| 15:30 | Koran |
| 15:40 | Programme review |
| 15:45 | Children programme |
| 17:10 | Football |
| 18:00 | News summary in Arabic |
| 18:05 | Local programme |
| 18:20 | Give Me a Break |
| 19:15 | Local programme |
| 19:40 | Programme review |
| 20:00 | News in Arabic |
| 20:30 | Arabic series |
| 21:00 | Programme review |
| 21:50 | Local programme |
| 22:40 | Varieties programme |
| 23:00 | News summary in Arabic |
| PROGRAMME TWO | |
| 17:30 | Le monde magique chantal guez |
| 18:40 | Loti story |
| 19:30 | La chance aux hommes |
| 19:40 | News in French |
| 19:50 | News in French |
| 19:55 | Varieties programme |
| 20:00 | News in Arabic |
| 20:30 | Four ups — Bleeps & Blunders |
| 21:10 | The "Assignment Adventure" |
| 22:40 | News in English |
| 23:00 | Shake Hands Forever |
| PRAYER TIMES | |
| 04:15 | Fajr |
| 08:45 | Sunrise |
| 12:42 | Dhuhr |

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| ate and seas calm. | Min/max. temp. |
| Amman | 20 / 34 |
| Aqaba | 26 / 41 |
| Desert | 21 / 39 |
| Jordan Valley | 24 / 40 |
| Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 34, Aqaba 40. Humidity readings: Amman 50 per cent, Aqaba 30 per cent. | |
| USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS | |
| NIGHT DUTY | |
| AMMAN: | |
| Dr. Tayseer Khadr | 606857 |
| Dr. Munther Al Qureini | 776238 |
| Dr. Walid Al Masri | 675485 |
| Dr. Issam Hawandeh | 624830 |
| Finas pharmacy | 661912 |
| Ferdous pharmacy | 778236 |
| Al Asema pharmacy | 637055 |
| Nairookh pharmacy | 626672 |
| Al Salam pharmacy | 636730 |
| Yacoub pharmacy | 644945 |
| Shamsi pharmacy | 637660 |
| IRBID: | |
| Dr. Marwan Habbab | (—) |
| Al Shuray pharmacy | (985236) |
| ZARQA: | |
| Dr. Randa Shabib | (—) |
| Khalil pharmacy | 985417 |
| EMERGENCIES | |
| Civil Defence Department | 661111 |
| Civil Defence immediate | 663411 |
| Rescue | 630341 |
| Civil Defence Emergency | 199 |
| Fire Brigade | 192, 621111, 637777 |
| Blood Bank | 891228 |
| Highway Police | 243402 |
| Traffic Police | 896390 |
| Public Security Department | 63021 |
| Hotel Complaints | 605800 |
| Price Complaints | 771211 |
| Water and Sewerage | 891467 |
| Complaints | 891467 |
| Amman Municipality | 787111 |
| Complaints | 787111 |
| Telephone information | 121 |
| (Directory assistance) | 801238 |
| Repairs | 622101 |
| Abdali Telephone Repairs | 661101 |
| Jordan Television | 771111 |
| Radio Jordan | 771111 |
| Water Authority | 660100 |
| Jordan Electricity Authority | 815615 |
| Electric Power | (—) |
| Company | 636381 |
| RJ Flight Information | 663320 |
| Qasr Alia Int. Airport | 663320 |
| HOSPITALS | |
| AMMAN: | |
| Husseini Medical Centre | 813813/32 |
| Khalid Maternity, J. Amn. | 642816 |
| Khalid Maternity, J. Amn. | 642412 |
| Jabal Amman Maternity | 642592 |
| Malhas, J. Amman | 636140 |
| Palatine, Sumasini | 664171/4 |
| Shamsi Hospital | 669131 |
| University Hospital | 843845 |
| Al-Musader Hospital | 667279 |
| The Islamic, Abdali | 666127/37 |
| Al-Bashir, J. Astrafieh | 775111/26 |
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| Arny, Marha | 891611/15 |
| Qasr Alia Hospital | 622402/50 |
| Amal Hospital | 674133 |
| ZARQA: | |
| Zarqa Govt. Hospital | (09)983323 |
| Zarqa National Hospital | (09)991071 |
| Ben Shaim Hospital | (09)986732 |
| IRBID: | |
| Princess Basma Hospital | (02)275535 |
| Greek Catholic Hospital | (02)272275 |
| Im Al Nafees Hospital | (02)247100 |
| AQABA: | |
| Princess Faya Hospital | (03)314111 |

| 26:45 | Rome (RJ) |
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| 01:15 | Baghdad (RJ) |
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| 08:20 | Dubai (AZ) |
| 13:20 | Cairo (MS) |
| 13:25 | Muscat, Sharjah, Doha (GF) |
| 14:20 | Kuwait (KU) |
| 14:45 | Kuwait (LN) |
| 17:25 | Jeddah (SV) |
| 19:25 | Frankfurt (LH) |
| 22:45 | Athens (OA) |
| 01:45 | London, Cairo (BA) |
| MARKET PRICES | |
| Upperflower price in \$/kg per kg | |
| Apple (golden) | 550 / 500 |
| Apple (Kashani) | 300 / 250 |
| Apple (sukkar) | 280 / 240 |
| Apple (red) | 750 / 700 |
| Banana | 400 / 350 |
| Banana (Makassar) | 350 / 300 |
| Beans | 350 / 300 |
| Cabbage | 80 / 50 |
| Carrots | 250 / 200 |
| Cauliflower | 180 / 150 |
| Corn | 180 / 140 |
| Cucumbers | 420 / 350 |
| Eggplant | 150 / 70 |
| Garlic | 850 / 750 |
| Grapes | 220 / 180 |
| Onions (red) | 180 / 150 |
| Lemon (yellow) | 440 / 360 |
| Lemon (green) | 280 / 240 |
| Marrow | 420 / 350 |
| Okra | 420 / 350 |
| Oranges | 360 / 300 |
| Onion (dry) | 150 / 110 |
| Peas | 350 / 300 |
| Pepper (hot) | 160 / 120 |
| Pepper (sweet) | 200 / 160 |
| Tomatoes | 230 / 180 |
| 04:25 | Rome (AZ) |

Jabr stresses importance of environmental considerations in planning for development

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Saturday chaired the first meeting of the working groups in charge of drawing up the national environment strategy at the Royal Cultural Centre.

The launching of this project follows six months of extensive research and development of a national plan for the protection of the environment in Jordan, in accordance with the September 1988 agreement between the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

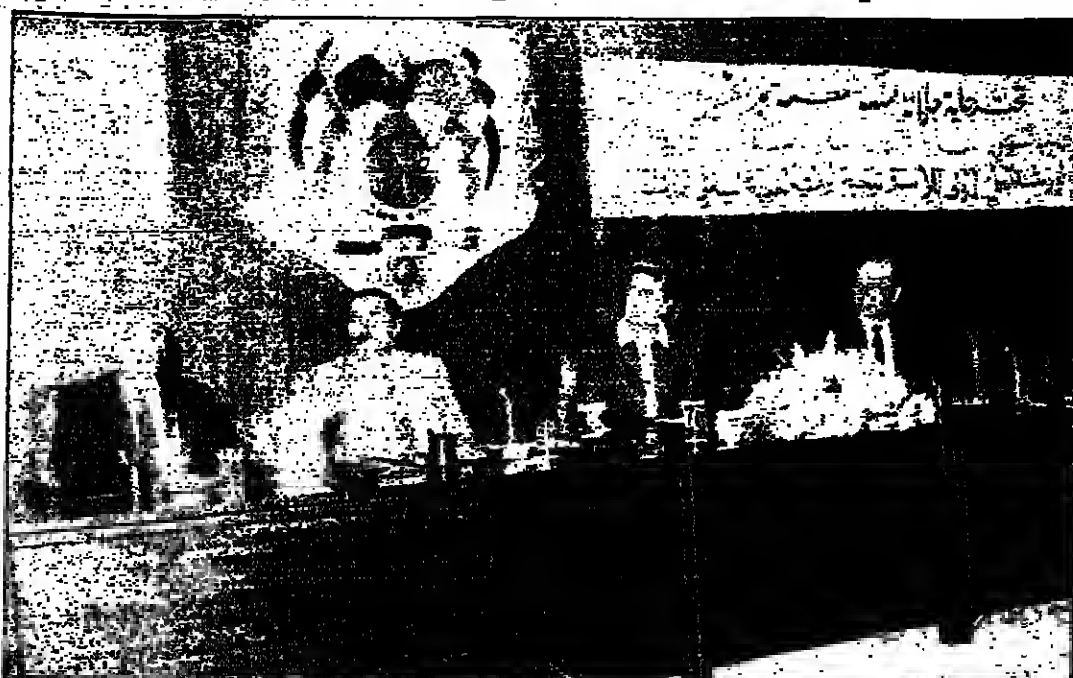
Addressing the meeting, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yusef Hamdan Al Jabr said that Jordan has been one of the first pioneers seeking to draw up a special strategy for environment in the Middle East, in implementation of the IUCN resolution, which called for introducing regional strategies for the protection of environment worldwide.

Jabr stressed the need for taking the environmental element into consideration when planning for economic development, and called for achieving sustainable development.

The minister emphasised the need for discovering natural resources and traditional and non-traditional energy sources as well as food sources, saying that such discovery contributes to solving environmental problems.

Jabr also called for drawing up special criteria ensuring a solution to the problem of environmental pollution and the population growth.

Jabr said that His Majesty King Hussein last March signed the Hague Declaration, which



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entrusted the United Nations with following up on the measures capable of protecting the world from the dangers of pollution and the ozone layer erosion.

The minister pointed out that the Royal letter of designation to the government of Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker has called for formulating and enacting the appropriate legislations to protect the local environment.

However, he noted, the preparation of a strategy for protecting the environment in Jordan is on top of the priorities of this country, "because of its relevance to the creation of a strong community, capable of facing the challenges and overcoming difficulties."

Outlining the meeting's objectives, Jabr said it "aims to

evaluate the environmental situation and define the weaknesses and the strengths, and propose practical alternatives to change the environmental policies, in an endeavour to achieve the social, economic and developmental objectives."

The minister said that environment has become one of the major world preoccupations, and referred in this regard to the international calls for a defensive operation that can ensure environmental balance and safeguard health.

Also addressing the meeting was the Environment Department Director Sufian Al Tal, who outlined the strategy's objectives and called for defining a practical plan to achieve development and ensure its sus-

tainability. Tal said that the environment strategy should contain a comprehensive review of the environmental situation in Jordan.

He called for creating an institutional structure for the strategy's plan of action, including a steering committee and a general secretariat in addition to the working groups.

The national strategy's consultant, who is also the IUCN representative, praised the efforts made by the various Jordanian institutions to protect the environment.

He noted the union's cooperation with the various government institutions to create the national strategy for environment.

Crown Prince praises sportsmen

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Saturday voiced satisfaction at the good results achieved by the Jordanian national Tae Kwon-do and karate teams, during the Third World championship which was held last week in West Germany.

Prince Hassan was speaking during a breakfast he hosted at Al Hussein Youth City in appreciation of members of the national teams, who won the third place in both games.

Three of the national Tae Kwon-do team members won two silver medals and one bronze medal, while the karate team won one golden medal, two silver medals and six bronze medals. The team ranked third among the best eight teams in the world which took part in the championship.

Cabinet approves agreements with Syria

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet Saturday approved the minutes of the meeting of the Higher Jordanian-Syrian Joint Committee held in Damascus July 9-10, and the minutes of the sub-committee that met also in Damascus July 4-5.

According to these minutes, Jordan and Syria agreed to increase the volume of trade between the two countries to \$200 million. The two countries also agreed to exchange goods worth \$65 million for each in 1989 and to establish trade centres authorised to sell goods worth \$10 million each.

Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker chaired the Cabinet session.

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Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad Saturday speaks to the press. Also present are the presidents of the four Jordanian universities (Photo by Yusef Al 'Allan)

Jordanian universities to accept 8,875 students

By Suhair Obeidat
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The four Jordanian universities will accept 8,875 students this year, representing 41 per cent of the total number of students who passed the General Secondary Certificate Examination, Tawjihi, with an average mark of 65 per cent and above.

According to Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad the four institutions — the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, Mu'ta University and the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) — will accept 7,290 students who secured 65 per cent and above in Tawjihi exams held within the Kingdom and 1,585 who sat for the exams held under Jordanian government supervision outside the Kingdom. This includes children of expatriates, students from the West Bank, students from Arab countries and non-Arab students.

The total number of students who secured the minimum grade of 65 per cent in the exams is 17,926.

Addressing a press conference Saturday, Assad said the University of Jordan would accept 4,000 students, Yarmouk University will accept 3,000, JUST will accept 656, and Mu'ta will accept 600 in the civil studies section and 320 students in the military section.

He added that the remaining 9,051 students, along with all the students who passed with an average mark of 55 per cent and above, will be accepted in the community colleges and the intermediate technical institutions.

According to the minister, the percentage of expatriate students accepted in Jordanian universities has increased from 5 per cent to 7 per cent of their total capacity. He also noted that these students will pay their tuition fees in foreign currency (as it was agreed upon during the expatriates conference, held recently in Amman). Students from the West Bank will continue paying in dinar.

"The tuition fees neither be increased nor decreased," he stressed.

Expansion of the student enrolment in universities also includes the transformation of the Amman Polytechnic College into a university college for applied engineering. It will graduate 300 students in applied engineering in the next scholastic year. At the same time, it will continue using the two-year programme to graduate intermediate-level technicians.

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He said that the ministry had already received seven offers to create private universities. It has prepared precise and detailed regulations so as to secure the standard of private university education, since it is a new experience for Jordan.

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A 100-student Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and a 50-student graduate programme in chemistry have been established in the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST).

A faculty of science has already existed, but it only offered services to students in the faculties of medicine, dentistry, engineering and pharmacology.

As a result of the efforts of the Higher Council for Education, the presidents of the universities and the registrars, the percentage of acceptance in the universities, during the academic years 1988-1989 and 1989-1990, increased by 72.2 per cent.

Assad also told Saturday's press conference that a unified registration office for the four universities had been set up at the University of Jordan. Students need to fill only one application form, which can be obtained from the post offices at a cost of JD 15. The forms are also available at Jordanian diplomatic missions abroad, the minister said.

Also attending the press conference was Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hamdan, who explained the procedures.

He said that forms are to be mailed to the registration office, between Aug. 5-15. In the form, the student has to fill 20 choices, in which he cites the name of the university and the specialisation he or she wished to pursue.

One final list of the names of students accepted in the universities will be issued and accepted students are not allowed to change the university or field of study, Hamdan said.

Turning to Jordan's long-term plans in education, Assad said: "We have issued a temporary law for private universities, in addition to the regulations governing the licensing and operation of these universities."

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in April 1990-1991.

In further attempts to increase the number of students benefiting from higher education in Jordan, Assad said that students who pass the comprehensive exams of the generally accredited community colleges with an average 75 per cent and above have the right to register in any of the universities.

In view with the current economic situation in the country, the ministry has been trying to find ways to help the parents of the students studying abroad.

Therefore through continuous contacts with the governor of the Central Bank of Jordan and the government, the ministry has been able to offer a few facilities to provide foreign exchange for students studying abroad, the minister said.

The Housing Bank will offer each student studying in Eastern Europe a maximum amount of \$200 a month, those in Arab countries, Pakistan and the Philippines \$300 a month, and \$500 a month for those studying in Western Europe and the United States.

"If a student proves that he needs more than what the Housing Bank offers, he may get extra money from other banks," he said.

The minister said that the Ministry of Higher Education offered 1,440 scholarships for university students in the Kingdom last year, excluding community college students and scholarships offered by the armed forces. "All in all, students enjoying scholarships constituted about 20 per cent of the total number of students," he said.

The minister rejected the claim in one of the Arabic dailies that the pocket money for students receiving scholarships will be cut.

The minister also raised the issue of the possibility of more expansion in the acceptance of students in the universities, saying: "There is a need to concentrate more on the vocational studies, rather than the academic ones. If we are to increase the number of students accepted in the universities, this would inevitably lead to unemployment. By unemployment here, I mean a dangerous one, that of doctors and engineers, who can work only in their field of specialty."

The presidents of the four universities, who attended the press conference, also participated in arguing that it would not be possible to increase the working hours of the lecture rooms in the universities.

Assad said that lecture rooms used to function ten and a half hours daily, and the hours have already been increased to 12. "There is no possibility we can do more than that. The social and economic structure of the Kingdom does not make it possible," he said.

Majali approves new organisational structure of Jordan News Agency

AMMAN (Petra) — Information and Culture Minister Nasouh Al Majali has approved the administrative regulations and new organisational structure of the Jordan News Agency, Petra, which has been drawn up in cooperation with experts from the Civil Service Commission.

According to the new structure, which will be implemented as of August, the agency will be divided into four departments: reporters, editors, technical affairs and administrative and financial affairs.

The reporters department includes reporters, correspondents, information, photography, film development and archives,

while the editors department will include local, Arab and international editing, and follow up.

According to the administrative regulations a new committee, named the Planning and Coordination Committee, headed by the Petra director general, will be formed. The committee groups the assistant director and the department heads.

The new committee will be entrusted with drawing up the general guidelines of the agency's policy, the agency's plans and will follow up on their implementation.

It will also work towards achieving uniformity and coor-

dination among the various departments. It will define methods of cooperation with the various government departments and will discuss the agency's annual budget, in addition to all technical and administrative issues. The agency will also deal with any problems obstructing its work.

The administrative regulations empowered the director general to create or integrate or cancel any of the agency's departments or divisions and to take whatever decisions he may deem fit for implementing the provisions of such regulations.

Under the new authorities



Nasouh Al Majali, Minister of Information and Culture, is seen in a portrait.

Conference to discuss protection of water resources from pollution

AMMAN (J.T.) — An in-depth study of Jordan's water resources and ways and means to protect them against pollution are the focal theme of a two-day conference opening here Sunday at the University of Jordan.

The conference, organised by the Jordan Society for Control of Pollution in cooperation with the United Nations regional office in Amman, will review various working papers on subjects ranging from water resources, applications, agricultural aspects and

suggested means to protect the Kingdom's water from pollution, said Dr. Arafat Tamimi, who is an advisor to the Higher Council for Science and Technology.

The gathering, which will be held under the patronage of Former Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat, will be attended by representatives of concerned ministries and other institutions, the Higher Council of Science and Technology, the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and other interested individuals as well as

members of the Jordan Society for Control of Pollution.

The main aim of the conference is to devise a programme to offer protection against water pollution in Jordan, Tamimi said.

In addition, the conference is also expected to come up with recommendations on Jordan's water strategy, he said.

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Yarmouk University receives new books

IRBID (J.T.) — Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hamdan Saturday received a donation of books from Saladdin University in Iraq. The books were presented by Saladdin University Library Director Fikrah Ahmad, who is currently in Jordan to take part in the joint book exhibition, held by both universities at Yarmouk University. Ahmad noted the hospitality and warm wel-

come he received at Yarmouk University and praised the existing cultural cooperation between the two universities. Hamdan thanked Saladdin University for this generous contribution and lauded the close cooperation between the two universities. Hamdan also praised the academic and scientific achievements made by the teaching staff at Saladdin University.

Khleifat opens gathering

AMMAN (Petra) — Youth Minister Awad Khleifat Saturday stood in for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan in opening the third national youth gathering for male Jordanians working or studying abroad, which was held at Ajloun permanent youth camp.

Addressing the 100 participants, Khleifat outlined the importance of such gatherings saying that it is one of the ministry's activities, that has been inspired by the directives of His Majesty King Hussein, who "taught us how to promote strong dialogue which is based on the respect for the opinion and counter-opinion and acceptance of the view points of others and appreciating their views."

Khleifat said that the gathering is aimed at strengthening the relation between the youth and their country.

He pointed out that the Jordanian youths "are our ambassadors abroad and they should be armed with the necessary information about their country."

Therefore, Khleifat said the Jordanian youths abroad "should be well-prepared and should be supplied with all necessary information that enable them to perform their duty towards their country and their nation."

The Ministry's Youth Section director, Mahmoud Qattan, said that the gathering aims to build up a new and effective bridge of interaction between the Jordanian youths inside and outside the

country, which will serve as a proper station where they can gather for an exchange of information, thoughts and opinions on whatever developments that might come up.

One of the participants stressed that the Jordanian youths abroad follow up with care the developments in their country and interact with the situations prevailing therein.

He also said that the Jordanian youths abroad boast of Jordan's national and pan-Arab stands.

The week-long event includes lectures and cultural and political seminars and meetings with senior Jordanian officials and visits to cultural and archaeological places.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ A plastic arts exhibition by the Student Affairs Department's Painting Club of the Yarmouk University at the Housing Bank Art Gallery.
- ★ An exhibition of photographs depicting various aspects of life in the Jordanian media, at the Yarmouk University.

THEATRE

- ★ An Arabic play entitled "Thamamul Thil" (Price of a Shadow) at the Royal Cultural Centre — 8:00 p.m.

FILM

- ★ A feature film entitled "E.T. — The Extra Terrestrial" at the American Centre — 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday's Economic Pulse

Rationalisation of consumption

By Dr. Fahed Faneh

THE CALL for rationalisation of consumption was first made at an official level in 1980 by the late Prime Minister Sherif Abdul Hamid Sharaf. At that time the call was seen as an odd move. The futuristic politician was urging his people, in vain, to curb consumption when Jordan was receiving huge amounts of Arab aid and expatriates' remittances in foreign exchange. But the country and people were tempted to indulge in new types of consumption rather than control the level of consumption.

Prime Minister Sharaf did not embrace the call for rationalisation under the pressure of difficult circumstances. He was motivated by his own futuristic vision without being overwhelmed by the moment of prosperity, which he apparently knew was not sustainable.

For 15 years, Jordan was living way beyond its means. The total public and private consumption exceeded total gross domestic product. This showed that the government and the people were not only consuming all the current income, but also borrowing heavily to consume future income and pile up foreign debts at the expense of the next generation.

It was, therefore, hardly surprising when the crisis finally arrived. The real surprise was that we were able to continue

floating for so long. Successive governments were extremely successful in preventing the rationalisation of consumption and the adaptation of prudent economic behaviour, and in deferring the crisis until it grew out of proportions.

Rationalisation of consumption does not happen by preaching. Even the best public relations experts cannot dissuade a consumer who has the purchasing power from buying and consuming a desired commodity available in the market at a subsidised price through an overvalued dinar. We could not reasonably hope to rationalise the consumption of fuel for instance, when the government was contributing 25 per cent of its cost. Rationalisation of electricity and water simply did not make sense when the government decided in 1988 to reduce the tariff by 20 per cent. Subsidies and reduction of prices are effective incentives to increase consumption not to rationalise it.

We placed unfounded hopes on voluntary rationalisation, and subsequently failed to produce results in both private and public sectors. We have now reached a stage of compulsory rationalisation through the sharp drop in our real purchasing power, or the rise of prices of some imported commodities and the complete

absence of others. This of course is not the best manner to rationalise, but there is no alternative for we have failed to do it on a voluntary basis.

The national accounts indicate that the total expenditure of both the public and the private sectors on both consumption and investments exceeded our gross domestic product by approximately 35 per cent in 1987. This is the highest percentage in the world and means that we were living at a level 35 per cent higher than our own means. The return to our normal size dictated the reduction of the aggregate expenditure or aggregate demand by 26 per cent plus any negative growth in the economy.

Indications show that we have travelled a long way so far towards the return to rationalisation. The current transitional period is financially very difficult and socially very painful, but is possible. As a living example we can point out the fact that our people under Israeli occupation, in the West Bank and Gaza, were able to reduce their standard of living by 40 per cent in one year (1988), and to slash their imports by 50 per cent. They have simply made up their minds to meet the challenge and win. And we can too.

Urgent action for Lebanon

IF THE kings of Saudi Arabia and Morocco and the president of Algeria, acting with a strong mandate from the Arab World, have not succeeded thus far in spite of their relentless efforts to begin the process of healing in Lebanon, then it is time, as suggested by the Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, to convene an international conference on Lebanon. The ongoing inferno that is sweeping through Lebanon is a sad testimony that all Arab efforts, so far, have failed to put an end to the bleeding and destruction in that country.

There was considerable hope when the Casablanca Arab summit decided to call on Their Majesties King Hassan and King Fahd and President Benjedid to act on behalf of the Arab heads of state in an attempt to reverse the tide of violence in Lebanon. The three Arab leaders performed their collective noble mission with maximum diligence and sincerity and in the process did not leave one stone unturned. Yet their dedicated and relentless efforts to succeed were met with formidable obstacles hardened by 15 years of war and destruction. Now it seems that the Arab efforts which rightfully gained world-wide support have reached a dead end. Accordingly there are no other alternatives available except to take up the proposal of the Soviet foreign minister and hold an effective international conference under the auspices of the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

Should this wise proposal materialise, the first priority must be accorded to stopping the carnage and destruction. This is easier said than done as the principal actors in the Lebanese scene are not about to heed the calls for a ceasefire after 15 years of bloodshed. Accordingly, the U.N. Security Council must be prepared to exercise its duties to preserve peace by means that go beyond issuing calls for a ceasefire. If necessary the U.N. system should act more forcefully than ever to address the issue of death and destruction in Lebanon, an issue that now transcends and preempts all other considerations and objectives. There is no doubt that the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council can extinguish the raging fire in Lebanon if they put their minds and muscles to it. Equally, there is no doubt that this U.N. peace and security organ has the means to execute such a function provided the permanent members decide to manifest and exercise the required political will to do so. Otherwise the inferno in Lebanon would not be extinguished except when all Lebanese get literally consumed and their country utterly destroyed. Surely the international community does not want to continue watching the apocalypse in Lebanon as some sort of entertainment on TV screens.

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IN its Saturday editorial Al Rai Arabic daily commented on statements by the Central Bank governor about the Jordanian currency in which he said that all endeavours are now focused on re-establishing currency stability and regaining confidence in the dinar. The paper said that the Central Bank had to take certain limited measures in order to achieve that goal, and help the country maintain its development process. The paper also referred to the hostile campaigns being launched on Jordan and the pressures being directed against the Kingdom to force it to succumb to Israel's terms and blackmail. It said that all attempts to lure Jordan away from its pan-Arab national line have now failed and that the Kingdom has succeeded in maintaining tenacity and perseverance in the face of all hardships. Jordan will not kneel to pressure and hostile forces and will pursue its national policy and safeguard its dignity, the paper added. It said that the Central Bank's policies with regard to the monetary and financial situation are bound to boost the country's steadfastness and help it to pursue the process of construction and development.

Al Dustour daily commenting on the same issue saying that Jordan is capable of foiling Israel's conspiracy aimed at shaking the Jordanian people's confidence in their currency. The Central Bank governor has stated that the Kingdom is capable of re-establishing confidence in its currency and is bound to bolster its economic stance despite the hostile attempts to undermine this process, said the paper. It noted that Israel's propaganda campaigns are continuing and more hostile actions are expected, but the Kingdom will maintain its steadfastness as the Central Bank governor had said. This malicious campaign directed on Jordan and this hostile stand on the part of Israel are not a novelty national stand, the paper added. It said that the Kingdom will never kneel to pressure and will continue to lend support for the Palestinian people in their uprising to regain their freedom.

Sawt Al Shaab daily commented on the situation in Iran which is involved in electing a new president. It said with the election of a president, the country will be entering a new phase during which the whole world in general and the Arab Nation in particular look with hope towards a new prospect for peace in the Gulf. The paper said that the elections are taking place on the first anniversary of the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, and it is hoped that the anniversary would mark the beginning of a new chapter in the relations between the Arabs and Iran characterised with stability, security and progress. The paper noted that Iraq is now planning to intensify its moves to urge Tehran to opt for a permanent peace and to make the peace negotiations more fruitful; and the Gulf Cooperation Council states are bound to back Baghdad's new efforts world-wide. Therefore, it is hoped that Iran will respond favourably to the new Iraqi bids for a permanent peace which is aimed to benefit all peoples in the Islamic world.

By Burton S. Levinson

IT IS important that all those who care deeply about Israel and the American-Israeli relationship take a hard look at where that relationship is going. In the process, it is vital to examine both the potential strong and weak points in the years ahead.

Unfortunately, Michael Lerner, writing in *The Post* on July 9 (Jordan Times, July 13), presents a doomsday scenario that has little resemblance to reality and which sheds more heat than light. Exaggeration and distortion characterise Mr. Lerner's presentation.

He says that U.S. policymakers and the public are already distancing themselves from Israel. There is no significant evidence to support this claim, though there is no reason to be complacent about U.S. support. Let us remember that the Reagan-Shultz years were not typical of American Middle East policy. In the face of those in Washington who have always warned of the dangers to U.S. interests in the Arab World if America moved too close to Israel, Reagan and Shultz openly embraced Israel as a strategic ally. If there has been some cooling off by the Bush-Baker team, that may reflect a return to the usual pattern rather than any inherent decline in support.

Similarly, with regard to the American public, there is little to suggest significant change. Lerner dismisses the baseline question that pollsters have asked over the years — with whom do your sympathies lie, Israel or Arabs? — and focuses on other specific questions. In fact, there have always been specific questions. And there have always been specific issues which show a variety of American public attitudes toward the Middle East.

In spite of such differences, however, the critical response has been that concerning the question of sympathy, which has remained remarkably consistent for more than a decade: Americans favour Israel over the Arabs by a 4:1 ratio. The importance lies in the fact that most Americans don't pay a great deal of attention to the specifics of the conflict and it is the broad image of the public which determines how officials weigh the public's role. The continuing overwhelming sympathy with Israel — despite highly nega-

tive television coverage during the war in Lebanon and the infodada — is a backdrop to administration and congressional support for Israel, as well as for the ability of Israel's friends in the U.S. to have influence on policy-making.

Lerner speaks as well as of the power of human rights concerns in the U.S. He is correct in doing so, but the one example he presents to make his point is a strange one. He cites U.S. disengagement from Nicaragua and suggests that a similar development could take place with regard to Israel. While it is legitimate to raise questions about the impact of human rights issues, as for example in the State Department and Amnesty International reports, the Nicaraguan situation differs in two crucial respects. First, the American people never really perceived the contras as being true democrats, whether because of their connections to Somoza or because of the way they conducted their struggle. Israel, on the other hand, is a great democracy and has always been seen as such by Americans.

Secondly, the greater fear of Americans regarding Nicaragua was that we would get embroiled in a military conflict the way we did in Vietnam. The Israel issue has been unique in that the fear that American boys might die has never come up because of Israel's determination to defend itself.

Thus, the Nicaragua analogy carries little weight. Lerner goes on to say that Israelis don't appreciate the force of human rights themes in American society and therefore underestimate the impact of current developments on the American psyche and political environment. This may be true about some Israelis; many others are aware but are distressed by the superficiality of some United States criticism. They wonder what the United States would do if faced with an infidada, if faced with violence on the part of a foe who has long declared his unwillingness to recognize your right to exist, who refuses to negotiate peace, who has supported wars and terrorism.

Thus there may be a problem, but the answer may lie in greater efforts to expose the American public to difficult dilemmas facing Israel in a highly-charged, undemocratic Middle East. Many Americans do understand. Lerner continues his scenario

of doom by suggesting that with the cold war possibly winding down, Israel may lose a strong element underlying historic American support. This assessment should not be dismissed and merits further analysis. Lerner, however, goes on to argue that as a result, American corporations will carry greater weight, absent cold war strategic factors, in their demands for better ties with the Arab World, which will come at Israel's expense.

Maybe yes, maybe no. Here, as in other places, Lerner simply chooses the negative possibility.

There are many elements which enter the picture which make it hard to predict. What will the oil situation be in the '90s? What kind of growth will Israel undergo and in what areas of technology? Might there still be important U.S.-Israeli strategic interests, such as to counter radical Islamic fundamentalism, even if the cold war winds down?

Why don't Israelis understand what Lerner understands? Because, he says, they are misled. By American politicians who pander to American Jews; by

Israeli political leaders who tell them all is well; and above all, by Lerner's *bête noire*, American Jewish leaders. This conspiratorial view of the American-Israeli triangular relationship is common to those on the extremes; one hears similar critiques from the marginal right. In fact, American politicians are much more representative, and Israeli leaders much more sceptical than Lerner describes.

The weakness of Lerner's presentation is highlighted when he writes: "Why don't Israelis

understand these dangers — and immediately insist that their government work out a solution?" Is this the Arab-Israeli conflict he is describing? What of the war against Israel-terror, boycott, missiles, rejection? Where else is this peace in the Middle East? If only matters were so simple.

Clearly, Lerner is more interested in criticising Israel than in dealing with complicated issues. There are potentially real problems ahead in U.S.-Israel relations, but one gets little insight in that regard from Michael Lerner — *The Jerusalem Post*.

Coalition government in Japan ?

By Tetsuo Jimbo
The Associated Press

TOKYO — The political opposition could be within months of taking over the government of Japan. But opposition unity may yet founder over foreign policy.

The major problem is that small parties in the coalition doubt the ability of the Japan Socialist Party, the biggest opposition group, to make foreign policy in a realistic way — particularly in the area of U.S.-Japanese security relations.

The Socialists want to end the two countries' defence treaty, though their leader says such a move could be made gradually. There also are divisions among opposition parties over the country's policy towards Korea and Japan's armed forces.

Socialist officials, playing down the differences, assert that a plan to form an opposition coalition is near completion. If such a coalition wins the next elections, it could create the first government in decades not controlled by the conservative Liberal Democratic Party.

"We already have a blueprint for a coalition government," said Shigeru Ito, a senior Socialist official. "We only need to iron out small details."

Smaller opposition parties, however, say the chances for such a coalition government are uncertain unless the Socialists revise some of their radical policies.

"It is really up to the Socialist

Party whether our coalition talks will really bear fruit," said Takashi Yonezawa, secretary general of the Democratic Socialist Party.

Until the Liberal Democrats' big loss in last Sunday's election for the upper house of parliament, the opposition's ambition for power was a dream. But now the Liberal Democrats are on the ropes, their public support severely eroded by a series of money and sex scandals and an unpopular new tax.

The party remains in control of the government because it remains a majority in the more powerful house of representatives. By law, lower-house elections are required only by July 1990, but analysts say the opposition could force elections within a few months by using their newly won upper house majority to block legislation.

A Socialist-led coalition government would be the first such administration since a brief period in the late 1940s.

But the Liberal Democrats and some other analysts believe such a coalition still remains unrealistic because of policy differences among the four non-Communist parties.

The Socialists ultimately want to make Japan into an unarmed and neutral country. They traditionally have called for scrapping Japan's armed forces, and for ending the U.S.-Japan security

treaty that keeps 64,000 U.S. troops here and makes Japan a keystone of U.S. defence strategy.

The three centrist opposition parties, the Democratic Socialist Party, the Komeito, or Clean Government Party, and the United Social Democratic Party, say the Socialists' stance is unrealistic. "They call for controlled growth of defence expenditures."

The Socialists also do not fully recognise South Korea, and maintain close relations with the North Korean Communist government. All centrist parties support having relations with the capitalist government in Seoul.

"If Socialists are really serious about taking over the government, they have to drop their outdated stances on defence and foreign policies," said Satuki Eda, a representative of the United Social Democratic Party. "Such platforms were set during the cold war period. They do not fit in today's international environment."

Socialist chairwoman Takako Doi said during the campaign that her party had no intention of abandoning the security treaty hastily.

"It is something we want to accomplish in the long run," she said. "In order to accomplish the greater goal of forming a coalition government, we have to overlook some minor disagreements."

But Yonezawa, the Democra-

tic Socialist secretary general, said a compromise is not enough. Yonezawa said such "unrealistic policies" should never be put forward in the coalition talks.

"We are talking about taking over the government of the second strongest economic superpower of the world," he told the Associated Press. "We have to have a reasonable assurance that the Socialist Party is safe to associate with."

While Socialist leaders express confidence they can reach agreement with the other opposition parties within a few weeks, the prospective coalition partners say the Socialists' sweeping election victory may have made it difficult for Ms. Doi to persuade ideology-oriented hard-liners in her party. He said the Socialists' election gains made them "more confident about themselves" and reluctant to compromise. The Socialists gained 24 seats in the upper house, while the centrist parties lost strength, giving them little leverage.

Yonezawa said the three centrist parties already have ironed out their own policy differences and are "only waiting for good news from the Socialist Party." Takashi Inoguchi, professor of political science at Tokyo University, said Japan's opposition parties, "out of power over two decades, have difficulty in making imaginative solutions to policy problems."

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Moroccan fashion designer takes Paris by storm

By Philippa Neave

PARIS — Ten years ago, when Faysal Amor arrived in Paris from his native Morocco, he knew no one, and no one knew him. But he was young — just thirty years old — and determined to have a go at making his mark in the highly competitive world of fashion.

For Amor, the daunting task of starting from scratch in a strange city was made easier by a lifetime's experience spent travelling the globe. From the earliest age he lived a cosmopolitan lifestyle. Born in Tangiers to a Moroccan father and a Russian mother he went on to spend several years in London and travelled extensively worldwide. As it turned out, moving to Paris proved to be the key to his success. Against all odds, Amor found fame and fortune in the French capital.

Today, in his comfortable office, Amor looks back on the whirl of events which culminated in the setting up of his own mini fashion empire — now generally acknowledged to be one of the most dynamic and innovative design houses in Paris.

"I used to paint and dabble in artistic creation, but I actually studied economic science," he said. "Very laborious it was too. Then, one day I realised that none of what I was studying was terribly important to me. I felt like doing something much more creative, and I started making fabrics."

Amor's childhood in Morocco was to be an inspiration for his

designs. "I started playing around with materials and dyes, mixing colours and styles, but all the fabrics that came out were really inspired by Moroccan fabrics," he said.

It was a short step from designing fabrics to making clothes, and Amor was soon to discover that his work was widely appreciated. "That is when I realised that I had found my medium of expression," he recalled. It was also the moment that Amor chose to take the plunge and try his hand in Paris.

Luck was on his side. "I met someone from a large clothing company who had faith in me, and immediately put me in charge of creating a whole collection," he said. "When it came out it was a great success, and from then on there was no looking back. Up until the time I set up my own company in 1986, I was designing for other people. At one time I was working on five different collections. It was crazy."

It was now that the big adventure started. Amor plowed all his savings into his business. The gamble paid off. In just four years, this softly-spoken man has built a small company into a major concern. Today Amor produces three lines of clothing, shoes and accessories, has a factory with 300 workers in Morocco, another with a workforce of 150 in France, and a staff of 30 in the vast Paris warehouse he has converted into his offices and showroom.

Amor's three lines cover every angle of the fashion spectrum,

but in all of them his style is unmistakable — avant-garde, daring and imaginative.

His "Faysal Amor" label is at the top of the range, the most refined and expensive of his creations.

"This line is my best medium of expression. It is the sharpest. I create all the fabrics myself, and I'm constantly looking for innovations," said the designer. Sold in more than fifty shops all over Europe, as well as in the U.S. and Japan, the Amor collection is now held to be a serious competitor to the lines of other first division avant-garde designers such as France's Jean-Paul Gaultier and Japan's Comme des Garçons.

But perhaps the best known — and the boldest — of all Amor's work is sold under the label

"Plein Sud", a range that falls into the medium price category.

This fall's extensive collection of 150 designs is a festival of fun — chic and daring, covering a variety of themes. The "Chinese" designs are all silky fabrics in deep colours, with delicate fringes, rich velvets and Mao-style jackets and pants suits. The "Back to the Seventies" theme revives bell-bottom pants, thigh-high boots worn with hot pants, and shirts with billowing sleeves. More elegant is the "Directoire" range, for which Amor has gone back to the Napoleonic high-waisted cuts for dresses, short jackets and very high-collared shirts. Completing the collection are the "Bad Boy" designs — with lots of leather — and the "Animal" theme — zebra and leopard prints of fake fur.

The fabrics are astonishingly innovative. What looks like suede or wet leather is in fact a stretchy synthetic. "Plein Sud" clothes are sold in 600 shops all over the world, from Europe to Japan, and from Brazil to the Arab Gulf countries.

Amor's third line, less expensive than the other two, is aimed at the 16 to 25 year-old age range. Called "Sud Express", this collection is always provocative, and sometimes bordering on the eccentric. There is nothing stuffy about this range — Amor freely mixes denim with leather, wool with fur and cotton with synthetics.

"The aim is to break down the conventional ideas we have about clothing. These are what we call the basics in clothing — jeans, sports jackets and so on — but they have been transformed into biog fun, young and original," he said.

"Sud Express" is also the only line where Amor does not work unaided. Unlike the other two labels, which are his own exclusive domains, the junior range also bears the stamp of Amor's assistant, Veronique Aubert. Amor is one of very few designers who produce, manufacture and distribute their creations by themselves. "I believe we are going to see more and more designers doing this because a creator has to be in charge of the production and manufacture of his work," said the designer. Amor insists that for him it is essential to follow his creations from the drawing board to the

clothes hanger. Despite the speed with which he has carved himself a place in the Paris fashion world, Amor is neither smug nor self-satisfied. In the fast-paced and highly competitive fashion business complacency is a luxury that no good designer can afford, he claims. "Every six months, when you bring out a new collection, you are laying yourself on the line," he said. "You stick your neck out every time. Anything could happen. Each time it is a new challenge."

"Besides, I don't know the meaning of the word 'satisfied'," he added. "As soon as you get close to achieving one goal, there is another in the distance to work for."

Amor is happiest when catering for the up-beat, unconventional and daring client, he says. His most inspired ideas come when he is alone. "I like to spend time by myself, walking around in a city where you often see very beautiful things next to very ugly ones," he said. "I also like to spend time looking at nature, in the mountains or the Sahara desert. Nature can help you understand how beautiful the world can be. In cities you neither have the time nor the opportunity to get that feeling."

The designer makes frequent trips back to his native Morocco, and still draws widely on the vast cultural wealth of his home country. He is the first to admit that his mixed origins have helped him to be open-minded, and to feel at home wherever he lives.

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In just ten years Faysal Amor has risen to become one of the most exciting names in the French fashion world. (WNL)



Clothes from Moroccan designer Faysal Amor's latest collection. His creations are now sold all over Europe, the U.S. and Japan. (WNL)

"But I don't really think about it," he added. "I am not more Western, or more Oriental. I listen to all kinds of music. I did not, for example, start off with a

specifically Oriental mentality with the idea of exporting it elsewhere. Everything one experiences in life is enriching." — World News Inc.

Scientists seek cures from native medicine

By Chege Mbituri

The Associated Press

NAIROBI — Barnabas Kirui has been practicing medicine without a licence for half a century, dosing his patients with homemade concoctions of herbs, plants and minerals.

Some modern physicians dismiss him as an anachronistic quack. Others think he may be on to something.

Kirui, now in his 80s, is a Mwangi, the Swahili word for a traditional doctor, and his office is his mud-walled home with a corrugated iron roof in the village of Karai near Nairobi.

There, on a recent Saturday, he saw 150 patients, some of whom had come from afar, for Kirui is one of only 10 of Kenya's estimated 1,000 traditional healers known as "wise men."

The appellation has been bestowed on Kirui and his nine colleagues by scientists at the Kenya Medical Research Institute in Nairobi who are studying folk medicines. They consider the 10 to be the best of their lot.

The once strong physique that carried Kirui to India and Burma as a private in the colonial British army is lean and slightly bent now, the face and hands wrinkled. But the dark brown eyes remain steady, the voice soft, firm and clear.

Eyes fixed on his patients, Kirui limits his examination to a single question: "Where's the pain?" He may jab the offending body part with a bony finger. Then he turns to his "pharma-

cist," his apprentice of 20 years, and prescribes one of dozens of formulas he has perfected in his years of combing forests, deserts, mountains and savannas for ingredients.

"He has learned it all from me," Kirui says of his apprentice, "just like I learned it from the Maasai." The Maasai are a nomadic Kenyan tribe with wide-ranging access to a variety of plants, herbs and minerals.

Some patients get a bottled liquid, others capsules made by scientists from Kirui's formulas. The standard fee is 10 shillings (50 cents).

"Why should I charge more," Kirui muses. "There is more medicine in the forests."

Kirui is one of 100 traditional healers who have contributed 1,300 different medicinal compounds to the Nairobi Research Institute over the past eight years for a study of their effectiveness.

"We are trying to get as much as possible from them," says Dr. Kofi Tsekpo, head of the institute's department of traditional medicines and drug research. "We believe they have knowledge on drugs we don't know of."

Kirui and compatriots are not to be confused with witchdoctors, who still abound in Kenya and the rest of Africa. The traditional healers do not resort to chants, drums, magic wands and amulets or appeals to gods, spirits or ancestors.

Nevertheless, many modern doctors do associate Kirui and

his colleagues with that sort of mumbo-jumbo, see them as more harmful than helpful and fear they give medicine a bad image.

"Some of us do not want to associate with such people," says Dr. Joseph A. Aluoch, chairman of the Kenya Medicinal Association.

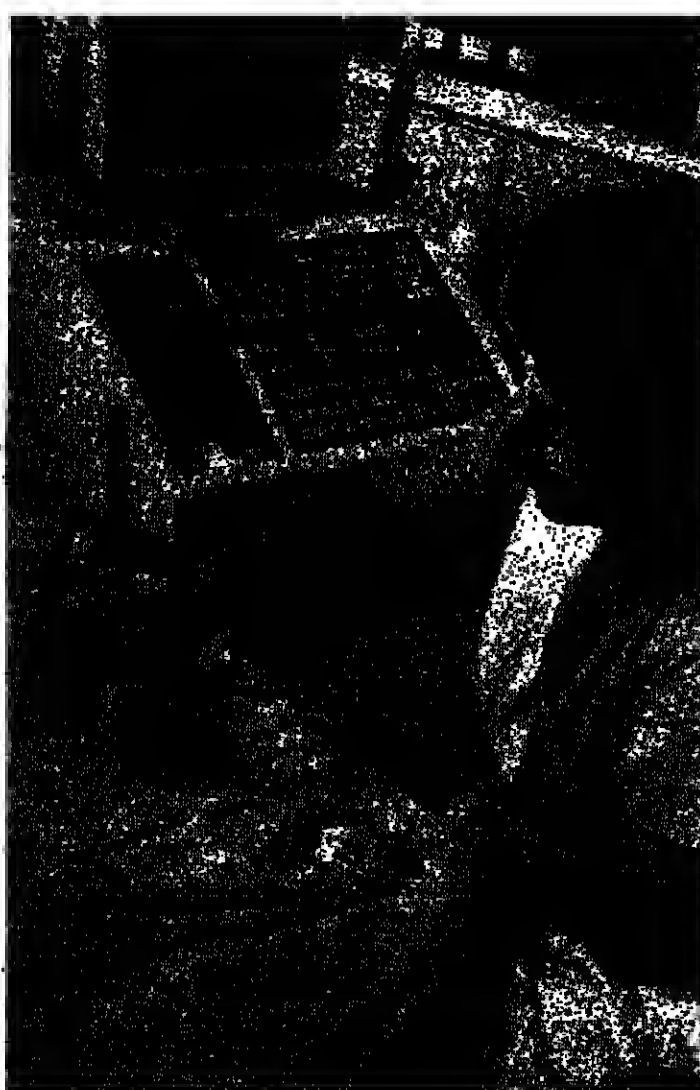
But Tsekpo and other scientists at the institute, mindful that dozens of modern drugs ranging from aspirin to penicillin were discovered in natural organic materials, take a different view.

Tsekpo says a number of medicines "with a reasonable percentage of effectiveness" have been refined from the compounds of traditional healers and that he and his colleagues hope to find even more.

Citing a pledge of confidentiality between the institute and the native healers, Tsekpo declined to cite the exact number of compounds found effective, but said they are used to treat asthma, allergies, diabetes, hypertension, epilepsy, malaria, skin diseases and migraine.

The pledge of confidentiality arises from a fear by the traditionalists that their compounds could be appropriated by major pharmaceutical companies. Results of all research on native cures at the institute is held in secret.

Tsekpo says the Kenyan government has yet to decide on how to commercialise compounds found effective. "What we're doing now is putting modern technology into their product," he adds.



Many people are losing faith in modern medicine

End of Duvalier followed by publishing renaissance

By Michael Norton

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — A new freedom to publish has begun to flourish in Haiti in the three years since the overthrow of the Duvalier family regime.

During a period, rocked by brutal army repression, anti-government demonstrations, massacres and three coups, the impoverished, highly illiterate nation of 6 million people has been pouring out new books at what is said to be the highest rate in the Caribbean.

"There has been an intellectual renaissance" since the overthrow of Jean-Claude Duvalier in 1986, said Laennec Hurbon, a sociologist and one of Haiti's leading writers.

Haitian authors introduce their new works every week at cultural centres such as the national library, the French institute, the La Pleiade library and the Bato Fon restaurant.

About 500 Haitian books are currently available, including more than 200 published so far this year.

During the 29 years of Duvalier rule, freedom of speech and publishing were stifled. Magazines and newspapers couldn't print stories on local politics. State censors regularly cut out articles considered subversive from French and American weekly magazines before they were displayed on newsstands.

When Francois "Papa Doc"

Duvalier was in power from 1957 until his death in 1971, entire rooms of the main post office downtown were stacked to the ceiling with confiscated books mailed to Haiti.

Since censors were either too few in number or incompetent to weed out books considered subversive, all were confiscated.

Haiti exhibited 300 recently published books at the convention earlier this year of the association of Caribbean research and institutional libraries in Jamaica.

"The other exhibitors were absolutely dumbfounded by their quantity and quality," said Ludmilla Joseph, a secretary of the national library.

Jamaica, with 22 new books, was the second-most abundant exhibitor, Joseph said.

Since independence from France in 1804, Haitians have published some 17,000 titles, the vast majority in French, the language of the educated elite, according to the national library.

Haitian authors say the country's political uncertainty, poverty — it is the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere — and widespread illiteracy make the publishing boom even more impressive.

"When you take our 75-per cent illiteracy rate into account, Haiti is one of the front-runners of the world," said historian Dr. Georges Michel, who this month is autographing his newly published "history of Haitian railroads" during promotional sales

at several Port-Au-Prince cultural centres.

Since Duvalier was overthrown, Henri Deschamps, Haiti's major publisher, has issued 150 new books, including a series of Haitian literary and historical classics, novels, essays and textbooks.

The Deschamps catalogue includes 40 titles in Creole, a language derived from 18th century contact between French-speaking slaveholders and African slaves. It is spoken by all Haitians.

The Montreal-based, Haitian-run international centre of Haitian Documentation and Information has published 26 new titles in the past three years and plans to put out world classics, such as "Alice in Wonderland," in Creole.

But book sales are limited in a country of illiteracy and less than

\$300 annual per capita income.

"Our market is small, and for many of our customers, the average of \$10 per book is high," said Monique Lafontant, co-owner of the bookstore La Pleiade.

"We authors cannot make a decent living from our writings, in spite of our hard work," said historian Georges Corvington, who has never sold more than 2,000 copies of any one of the six volumes of his popular "Port-Au-Prince through the ages."

Hurbon is the author of five books on Haiti and research director at the national centre for scientific research in Paris. His most recent title, "comprendre Haiti" (Understanding Haiti) has sold 4,000 copies.

Other contemporary Haitian authors include novelist Roger Dorsainvil and historians Roger Gaillard and Jean Fouchard.

"Last Christmas we made a cultural breakthrough; for the first time, our customers bought more Haitian titles than French and foreign titles combined," Deschamps said.

Though most Haitians are unable to read their country's publications, "the information is filtering down to the intellectually alert, but non-reading, masses by word of mouth and through the radio," Deschamps said.

High school and college students hungry for knowledge make up the bulk of readers who visit autograph promotional sales, where authors offer 50 per cent discounts.

"I am publishing for the future, for 20 years from now. In the long run, the investment in human resources will pay off," Lafontant said.

Historic phenomenon

Alvaro Gil-Robles (mediator)

Alvaro Gil-Robles, who was born on Sept. 2, 1944 in Spain and is a lawyer by training, played an important part in the democratisation of his country by his presence in the Constitutional Tribunal and his proposal of the 1983 law aimed at creating a Defender of the People. He has, moreover, held this office since March 1988, with the approval of the Spanish Chamber and Senate. Gil-Robles has written two books expressing his concern for a very concrete defence of Human Rights, Parliamentary Control of the Administration and The Defender of the People.

The French Revolution: a historic phenomenon of rare magnitude.

Any historic phenomenon of a magnitude comparable to that of the French Revolution, is made up of a whole host of events. With the passing of time, new interpretations are made as new aspects are discovered. Therein lies the work of historiography and it is not easy to find another period in which historiography in particular has been so fruitful.

A fundamental stage in the progress of mankind.

There is another no less real but more subtle dimension of the French Revolution. It is the fact that it is present in ourselves as the representation-image of a fundamental historical milestone in the progress of mankind. The echoes it awakens belong to the collective memory of women and men who love liberty.

The rights of citizens are the raison d'être of any political power.

For the Ombudsman of a European country as close to France as Spain is, both affectively and geographically, the date of 1789 is the beginning of a long historical process in the course of which the rights of citizens were to become the foundation and the raison d'être of any political power.

The Rights of Man: an ideal which must become reality.

The Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen, the preamble to the Constitution, and the converging point of many trends in political thinking, has become a symbol and a model for the whole of Constitutionalism. Nevertheless, the path opened by the Declaration remains long, difficult and costly. Over the last 200 years, Mankind has learnt that the notions of liberty and equality formed an indissoluble binomial, that it was not enough to say them or to refer to them for them to become reality, and that public authorities had and have the fundamental obligation to suppress all obstacles preventing them from becoming reality.

The area of Human Rights has grown.

Moreover, it is clear that the area of Human Rights has grown

and in several ways: claims for the rights concerned have first of all spread throughout the world, and then their number has grown in such a way that, today, one can speak of the 3rd or 4th generation of Human Rights. The condition of being a holder of Human Rights has itself extended to sections of the population which had, until then, remained marginal. Systems of protection have also increased with the guaranteeing of rights becoming a fundamental right.

But a large section of mankind is still excluded.

It is, however, difficult, after two hundred years, to show oneself quite satisfied with the results obtained. A large section of mankind suffers from hunger and does not have the minimum making it possible to live with dignity;



Alvaro Gil-Robles and even in the most developed societies, there are vast areas of marginality and poverty. Moreover, the places in which public liberty forms the basis of political power only represent a small part of the whole of our planet.

Equality, Liberty and Fraternity can only result from daily combat.

We thus have to work, and believe, believe with all our strength, so that the spirit of the Declaration, equality, liberty and fraternity, may, every day and each day, become ordinary reality for the women and men of our time.



Camille Desmoulins (1760-1794), an ardent defender of Human Rights during the Revolution, is one of Alvaro Gil-Robles's favourite characters.

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Price plan could push Poland into economic collapse, poverty

WARSAW (R) — A plan under which some food prices may triple next week could push Poland to the brink of economic collapse and plunge more than half its population below the poverty line, economists say.

The war on the so-called marketisation programme, which will expose Poland's shortage-hit food sector to market forces, could cause hyperinflation and lead to widespread strikes and riots.

"Poland's economy stands at the edge of catastrophe," read an appeal, published Friday, from top opposition economists to President Wojciech Jaruzelski and parliament.

The scheme marks a major shift away from fixed prices — a step towards a Western-style free market as Poland faces a dire economic crisis with inflation at more than 90 per cent, an enormous budget deficit and a \$39-billion foreign debt.

"The danger of an explosion of a huge wave of strikes is real," the appeal said, calling for an

economic rescue plan.

Architects of marketisation, due to take effect next Tuesday despite calls for a delay, say it should help fill shops and ease queues as food prices rise on the free market.

"Three market partners — producer, salesman and consumer — will decide prices, not the Finance Ministry," said Deputy Minister Wincenty Lewandowski.

Most of Poland's 38 million people will be compensated for the expected steep price hikes. Officials have not announced how compensation will be calculated but say it will average 8,400 zlotys (\$10) a head.

Economists from the Communist Party and the Solidarity opposition, while agreeing on the need for a market economy,

argue the scheme prepare by the government of outgoing Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski is bound to fail.

It does not tackle state monopolies and has not thought hard enough about a safety net for the poor, they say.

Janusz Basiak, a top economist in the party central committee, said one in five Poles already lives at or below the minimum acceptable standard and the Rakowski plan could push the figure up to three in five.

While Lewandowski and Agriculture Minister Kazimierz Oleksa calculate previously subsidised prices for meat will rise to 80 per cent of the present free market rate, other experts put the figure well above this.

"The price shock will not be as great as some expect," said Oleksa, adding nine major cities would have protected supplies until the free market began to operate fully around October.

Only nine per cent of meat is sold now on the free market at

high prices. Poles with ration cards queue for hours, even overnight, to buy what meat there is in state shops.

"The things happening in meat shops simply defy human dignity," the government daily Rzeczpospolita said.

Basiak said supplies were still not secured, meaning prices could rocket by up to 200 per cent although compensation had been calculated for a far smaller rise.

"The greatest disturbances will occur when the average Pole looks at the 8,400 zlotys in his hand and compares this with the reality that it is two or three times less than the amount he needs," he told Reuters.

Farmers have been protesting to insist marketisation is introduced. They prompted shortages by withholding produce during a month-long price freeze that ends Tuesday.

Basiak said action could switch from the countryside to the towns once consumers see shops are not filling as hoped.

Jardaneh puts 17 ships on blacklist

AMMAN (J.T.) — Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh has named 17 ships of various nationalities as blacklisted for dealing with Israel and therefore any dealing with them is banned. However, he has taken a decision lifting the ban on two ships, a Japanese and a Cypriot one.

In a circular issued to the various ministries and government

departments, Jardaneh decided, in accordance with the authorities vested in him by the cabinet, to impose a ban on dealing with 17 ships belonging to Greek, Danish, Antiguan, Cypriot, British, Yugoslav, Albanian, Liberian and Panamanian companies.

Jardaneh also said that the ban on the British company Hydron Europe Ltd, in respect of the

following trade marks: HX, Hydron, Soulsal, Hydron 223, Hyperm, Mini, Toric Z Plus, Za, Zero 6 will continue.

Furthermore the ban on dealing with the British company Plants At Work Ltd, which has changed its name to Rentokil Tropical Plants, is still valid, according to the decision.

It also said that dealing with

the Dutch company Alvarez Valls B.V., and its Spanish chapter Alvarez Valls S.A. and the two Spanish sub-chapters is still banned.

The ban, imposed on the American company Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company is still valid, according to the finance minister.

Kuwaiti oil firm sells subsidiary for \$100m

KUWAIT (AP) — The state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corp. (KPC) has sold its subsidiary, the C.F. Braun Engineering Co., to an American firm for \$100 million, a senior KPC official announced Thursday.

Abdul-Lateef Al-Tourah, executive assistant managing director for corporate planning at KPC, told the Associated Press the initial agreement was reached recently to sell the subsidiary to the U.S. Halliburton Co. and that "final agreement will be signed within a few weeks."

He said the reason for the sale was purely commercial. "We consider it a good opportunity for the KPC," Al-Tourah said. C.F. Braun is an affiliate of

Sante Fe International, which is entirely owned by the KPC.

The Sante Fe group was purchased by Kuwait in 1981 for \$2.5 billion.

C.F. Braun has an international reputation as an engineering company. The firm modernised Kuwait's refineries as well as the KPC-owned Europur Refinery in the Netherlands.

The Dutch refinery, along with one in Denmark, were bought by KPC as part of Kuwait's policy of expanding its marketing operations internationally.

The two refineries have a combined capacity of 125,000 barrels a day.

KPC also owns 2,000 gas stations in northern Europe.

82 Karak farmers get JD 450,000 loans in 1989

KARAK (Petra) — The size of loans which the Agricultural Credit Corporation branch in Karak Governorate presented during the first half of 1989 stands at JD 450,000, the corporation's Karak branch director said Saturday.

He said that 82 farmers made

use of these loans in the governorate to improve agricultural projects and purchase agricultural equipment.

The corporation is ready to grant further loans when needed to promote agriculture, he added.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

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| U.S. dollar | 573.4 | French franc | 334.7 |
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| | 557.6 | Dutch guilder | 416.1 |
| | | Swedish crown | 270.5 |
| | | Italian lira (for 100) | 89.5 |
| | | Belgian franc (for 10) | 42.4 |
| | | | 145.5 |

Bush chides Congress over defence cuts

WASHINGTON (R) — President George Bush, saying U.S. lawmakers were endangering his ability to negotiate arms-control agreements, chided the House of Representatives for slashing his defence budget and said Congress had done a poor job so far this year.

"Yesterday was not the House's most memorable moment," Bush told reporters when asked about the legislature's decision to sharply reduce his funding requests for the Stealth bomber, the Star Wars anti-missile defence system, and the single-war-

head Midgetman missile.

"I do not want to negotiate with the Soviet Union without as many cards in my hand as possible. So there's an arms control dimension to what we're talking about too," he said.

Bush delivered his critique in a mild and unemotional tone and predicted that he would ultimately get most of his arms priorities approved by working hard in the Senate, which has yet to vote on the defence budget.

Bush, who has gone out of his way to take a conciliatory approach to Congress, insisted he

would not adopt a more confrontational approach.

During a 30-minute news conference at the White House, Bush said his options were limited because the opposition Democrats hold a majority in both the House and Senate.

"I'm not sure name-calling or questioning somebody's motives ... is the approach that's going to be successful," he said when asked if he planned stronger medicine with a Congress that has repeatedly defied his wishes.

In addition to Thursday's action on the defence budget, Con-

gress has rejected his nomination of John Tower to be Secretary of Defence, delayed approval of his proposal to shore up the financially troubled savings and loan industry and is dragging its feet on approving his choice to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights Office.

"I have to work with these people. I will work with these people — I've never been too hot at being a name-caller," he said. "But it's a question of style. I think — But I'll take a shot at them once in a while if they get too outrageous."

Two pharmaceutical giants to merge

NEW YORK (AP) — The \$11-billion merger of pharmaceutical giants Bristol-Myers Co. and Squibb Corp. will create a powerful research and development operation looking for treatments for conditions ranging from AIDS to high cholesterol.

The two companies have announced that pending shareholder approval, they would join forces in a stock-swap deal that would create the world's second-largest pharmaceutical concern.

The announcement sent Squibb stock soaring \$24.75 to close at \$112.50 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock of Bristol-Myers, maker of Excedrin and Bufferin pain relievers and Clairol hair products, fell \$2.37 1/2 to \$49.50 a share.

Analysts said the costly drive to produce drugs that work against highly complex health problems such as AIDS and cancer is pushing the industry to consolidate.

"There is the feeling that it's going to take a major league commitment to (research and development) to remain a major player in the industry," said Juan Noble, an analyst at Argus Research Corp.

Underlining the trend earlier this week, shareholders of Philadelphia-based SmithKline Beecham Corp. approved a merger with Beecham Group PLC of Britain, creating a drug and consumer products company with more than \$6 billion in annual sales.

And last week, Dow Chemical Co., which runs a major pharmaceutical operation, said it would acquire a majority stake in Marion Laboratories Inc., another drugmaker.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. would have revenues in excess of \$8.6 billion, although the \$4.2 billion it would derive from pharmaceutical sales would rank it second behind Merck and Co., based in Rahway, New Jersey.

Last year, Bristol Myers and Squibb spent more than \$600 million combined on research and development.

Squibb, whose business is almost exclusively drugs, is an industry leader with Capoten, a cardiovascular drug that brought in more than \$1 billion in sales last year, analysts said. The company also is awaiting Federal Drug Administration approval for Fraxachol, a cholesterol-control product with a potentially enormous market.

"Given Squibb's smaller size, it's ability to have introduced Capoten before anybody else speaks very well for its (research and development) capabilities," said Stuart Levine, a vice president at the investment research firm Gruntal and Co.

Profits plunge at Lloyds Bank

LONDON (R) — Britain's fourth biggest bank, Lloyds Bank Plc, has said increased provisions against Third World debt caused a huge slump in pre-tax profit in the first half of 1989.

After setting aside funds for potential losses on loans to developing countries, pretax profit in the half-year ended June 30 fell to £93 million (\$154.38 million) from £452 million (\$750.32 million) in the same period last year.

"The outlook for Third World debt has darkened," Chairman Sir Jeremy Morse said in a statement. "This is reflected in increased provisions."

The result was a net loss of £88 million (\$146.08 million) in the first half of 1989 against last year's £287 million (\$476.42 million) net profit for the same period.

Charges for bad and doubtful debt increased to £604 million (\$1 billion) in the first half compared with £111 million (\$184.26 million) previously.

Specific charges for developing countries' debt rose to £183 million (\$303.78 million) from £48 million (\$79.68 million) last year.

Unless there is a marked further deterioration in conditions at home or overseas, we expect to see good earnings in the second half of the year," Morse said.

Lloyds rebounded from the red in calendar 1988 with pre-tax profits of £952 million (\$1.58 billion) against a loss of £248 million (\$411.68 million) in 1987.

Spain's financial markets to undergo 'authentic revolution'

MADRID (AP) — Investors and market operators traded for the last time Friday under rules that are to be swept away over the weekend in Spain's so-called big bang market reform.

A law set to take effect Saturday will introduce the most sweeping changes in markets in Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao and Valencia since the founding of the first bourse in the Spanish capital in 1831.

Monday will be the first day of trading under the new system, which Spanish national radio termed "an authentic revolution in the Spanish financial system."

On Friday, civil servant stockbrokers enjoyed their last day of monopoly over trading rights. The new law forced them to establish or join new private brokerage or broker-dealer companies or abandon trading altogether and act as public notaries.

Market operators and regulators marked the final day under the old rules at a ceremony in the Madrid Stock Exchange building following the morning trading session.

Javier Ramos Gascon, head of the old Madrid State Exchange, symbolically turned over power to 36-year-old Pedro Guerrero, who was elected last week to preside over the new private exchange. It is now owned and managed by new member brokerages and dealer firms.

"The new interconnected market will be characterised by transparency, greater technical capacity and competition," National Securities Commission President

Luis Carlos Croissier said at the ceremony.

He acknowledged that "survival in the new tough market is going to be difficult," for some of the more than 50 new member brokerages or dealer-broker firms.

Many analysts have predicted that from 20 to 30 of the new firms won't be around within two years because of a greater competition spurred by the reform.

The government set up the securities commission nine months ago to implement the June 1988 market reform law. The commission is the chief market supervisory body and watchdog agency.

A key part of the reform law established the Computer Automated Trading System (CATS) last April. So far 23 shares

accounting for 22 per cent of trading volume have gone onto the system.

Croissier predicted that by the end of the year more than 50 per cent of the total trading volume in Spain would take place on the CATS system pioneered by the Toronto Stock Exchange.

On Friday, as in recent weeks, trading volume remained low on the four stock exchanges, in great part as a result of investors' concern about the market reform changeover and because of recent government moves to restrict credit and slow down a booming economy, analysts said.

Trading volume Friday on the Madrid Stock Exchange, which accounts for nearly 70 per cent of trading in Spain, totaled 3.3 million shares, or 7.3 billion pesetas (\$62.3 million).

Last April, when the Madrid market was surging, trading volume moved between 5-6 million shares a day and about 10-12 billion pesetas (\$85-102.5 million) a day, Madrid Stock Exchange Spokesman Jaime Sanz said.

Poll: W. German businessmen lose confidence in government

BONN (R) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government has suffered a huge drop in confidence among West German business leaders this year, according to an opinion poll published Thursday.

Seventy-one per cent of senior managers said they did not think Kohl's centre-right coalition was strong enough, the Allensbach polling institute reported.

Its survey was carried out in

June. A similar poll in January showed 37 per cent of managers unhappy with the government.

However, two thirds of the 375 managing directors questioned thought West Germany's economy would continue to boom in the next six months.

Allensbach head Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann put the low government rating down to local election setbacks and policy back-downs this year.

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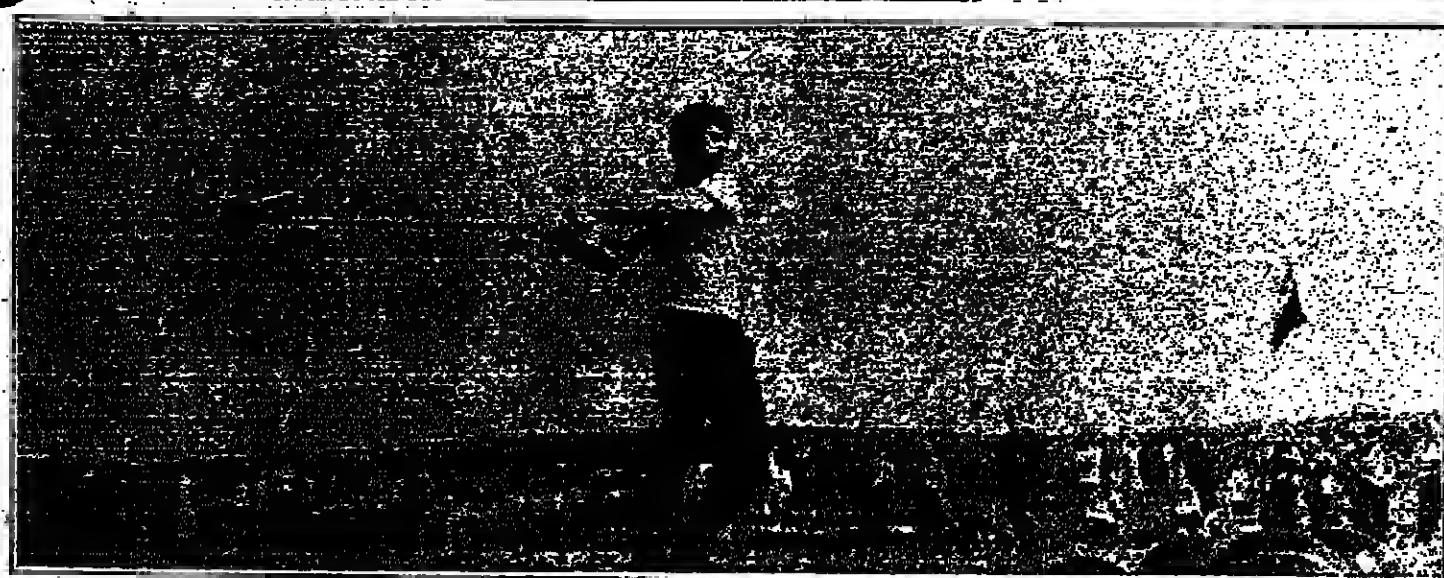
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سوق العمل



COCH AGE THE NOO: Scotland's Highland Games opened this week in time-honoured style with tug-of-war (below), putting the shot (top right) and killed organisers looking on (top left). In the age of multi-million dollar contracts, drug scandals and ideological conflict on the sports field, the games have retained their traditional pull.



Highland jinks



Asia soccer cup in Oman Punjab takes back seat

MUSCAT (AP) — A late rally helped Punjab of Pakistan share honours with Nepal's Katmandu sports club in a 1-1 draw Friday in the 9th Asian club championship group III qualifying round match at the Sultan Qaboos sports complex.

Punjab were one man short when they scored their equaliser in the 85th minute through Zahid Luqman. Luqman tapped home a through pass from the midfield. Punjab striker Muhammad Younas was sent off the field in the 56th minute when he repeated a dangerous foul. Earlier he was warned by the Jordanian referee Hussain Suleiman.

Punjab played a far better game than their previous matches but lacked sharp finishing. Kat-

mandu's superior skill was overshadowed after the first goal in the 10th minute as they fell back on a defensive strategy.

Umesh Pradhan gained in the lead in the 10th minute, when he slammed home, past advancing Punjab keeper Malik Akhtar, a minus pass from Muhammad Younas.

Saturday, Fanja and Sangaocar play the last league match at the complex in Baushar to decide the winner. A draw will suffice for Fanja while the Indian champions need a clear victory.

Punjab finished third and Katmandu last in this four team league.

The second round of the championship is in September and the finals in December, with the venues yet to be decided.

West German Grand Prix qualifiers

Senna's rearing to go

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany (R) — World champion Ayrton Senna took the first step Friday towards reviving his bid to retain the driver's title.

He produced a typically brilliant qualifying lap to claim provisional pole position for Sunday's West German Grand Prix motor race.

The 29-year-old Brazilian, who has failed to finish in any of the last four races after winning three of the opening four of the season, went close to beating the circuit qualifying record on a flying lap in his McLaren five minutes from the end of the session.

His effort — he clocked one minute 42.300 seconds compared to Finn Keke Rosberg's 1986 record of 1:42.013 in a McLaren — hoisted him more than a second clear of his team-mate and rival Frenchman Alain Prost.

Prost, 20 points clear on Senna in this year's world championship after winning the last two races, was unable to improve on his time of 1:43.306 which secured him a front row spot alongside the Brazilian on the provisional grid.

For Senna, having trailed behind Prost for most of the session,

his late efforts were the perfect reply and a confirmation that his qualifying performances have not been diminished by his recent dismal sequence.

Briton Nigel Mansell, who suffered a jarred back and shoulder after bumping heavily on the kerbs of the chicane, finished third-quickest with 1:44.020 in his Ferrari.

His Austrian team-mate Gerhard Berger, who next season will replace Prost at McLaren, was fourth-quickest ahead of Italians Alessandro Nannini in a Benetton and Riccardo Patrese in a Williams.

Senna said: "It was a busy day for the team because I made a mistake in the morning and spun off. I damaged the car and the mechanics had to work very hard to repair it."

"They managed it with 20 minutes left of the session. The spin was my fault — I put a wheel on the kerb under braking and the car snapped around on me."

"It was a stupid mistake and

the impact was quite big. I had a slight headache, but felt fine later."

Prost was quickest for a spell midway through the session but traffic prevented him improving his time on the long 6.797-km circuit through the wooded Rhineland.

"I forecast that a lap in the low 1:42 bracket might be possible without traffic," he said. "Ayrton proved it. I got involved in too much traffic."

McLaren's Honda engines enabled them to outpower their rivals on the high-speed circuit with only Mansell managing a time within a second of Prost's or two seconds of Senna's.

He said: "We've no hope of matching them here. They have got all the power and it makes the difference, especially on such a long track."

Lotus, fighting to save their reputation after a management shake-up in midweek, were encouraged by Brazilian Nelson Piquet's continued improved performance in clocking the 10th fastest time of 1:47.518.

Team-mate Satoru Nakajima of Japan was unable to improve on 25th quickest, however, in the judd-powered car.

Orioles break through

NEW YORK (AP) — A 4-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals Friday night saved the Baltimore Orioles from the ignominious distinction of setting a record for the most consecutive losses for a first-place team.

The Orioles, whose 54-107 record last year was the worst in baseball, are 54-56. They are only the seventh major-league team since 1900 to reach their previous season's victory total before Aug. 1, the first since the Boston Braves in 1936.

"To heck with the (eight-game) losing streak. We just needed to win a game," manager Frank Robinson said.

Athletics 8, Mariners 7

Carney Lansford came through with a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the 11th inning that gave Oakland its first victory in nine extra-inning games this season.

Lansford had been 0-for-7 with the bases first year before singling home the winning run. The Athletics loaded the bases with no cuts against Gene Harris, 1-4.

on infield hits by Stan Javier and Mike Gallego and an intentional walk to Ricky Henderson.

Indians 3, Red Sox 2

Cleveland moved into sole possession of second place, the latest the Indians have been that high since August 1976, by sweeping Boston.

The Indians won for the sixth time in seven games. The Red Sox have lost six of seven on the road and are 1-16 in one-run decisions away from Fenway Park.

Angeles 6, White Sox 5

California Angeles' Jack Howell got three hits and scored three runs, including the game-winning sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning at California.

Howell opened the ninth with a single against Donn Pall, 3-2, and moved to third on first baseman Ivan Calderon's throwing error on a sacrifice by Dick Schofield. Bobby Thigpen relieved and Washington bit a fly ball to left field.

Brewers 15, Rangers 3

Robin Yount extended his hitting streak to 18 games with two doubles as Milwaukee won big in Texas.

Paul Molitor got three of the Brewers' 15 hits and Greg Brock had a two-run homer. Molitor tripled and singled during a six-run fifth inning that made it 9-0.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 2

George Bell, rumoured in trade talks with Houston, hit his first home run since June 13 as Toronto sent New York to its ninth loss in 10 games.

Bell hit a two-run homer, his 10th of the season and first in 36 games, and added an RBI single.

Tigers 6, Twins 4

Minnesota's Mike Dyer and Detroit's Kevin Ritz each got their first major-league victories during a doubleheader split at Tiger stadium.

Dyer, 1-2, gave up two earned runs in six innings in winning the second game. Jeff Robinson, 1-2, lost in his first start since coming off the disabled list.

Italians hit transfer blocks

ROME (R) — Italian first division soccer clubs Roma and Genoa have hit major obstacles in concluding foreign player transfers before the start of the new season August 27.

And UEFA Cup winners Napoli have lost contact with Diego Maradona after warning he would be fined if he failed to return from Argentina August 3.

Roma are wrangling with Dutch soccer champions PSV Eindhoven over the transfer of international midfielder Gerald Vanenburg. The two clubs disagree over the interpretation of a release option in his contract.

PSV, who are unwilling to part with Vanenburg, say the clause

allowing him to switch clubs before the contract's 1992 expiry would have been valid only if PSV had been informed before July 1.

Roma argue that the option came into effect after July 1 and say Vanenburg has signed a new contract and is expected in Italy early next week.

GOREN BRIDGE

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A GEM OF A PLAY

North-South vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH
♠ 1 5 4
♥ 10 5 7 6
♦ A K 3
♣ 8 6 2

WEST
♠ A 10 9 2
♥ 3
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ K Q 10 3

EAST
♠ K 7 3
♥ 4 2
♦ Q 6 2
♣ J 7 5 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 6
♥ A K Q J 9 5
♦ J 10 8
♣ A

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Dbl 2 ♥ 3 ♠
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

When this hand was dealt in a pair tournament, most declarers failed in their heart game. But some found a simple way to get home by disregarding the obvious.

Note North's raise to two hearts over the takeout double. The modern practice when raising is to treat the double as if it didn't exist, and to make a normal raise. With a good deal of the enemy strength marked by the bidding as being in clubs, South's jump to game was a reasonable shot.

West made the normal lead of the

top of her honor sequence, taken by declarer's ace. Most South's drew trumps and then tried the diamond finesse, losing to the queen. As long as East did not get active and return a spade, declarer later had to broach that suit and could not avoid losing three spade tricks—down one.

We introduced this theme in the column a few days ago, in a different guise. The secret here is to ignore the finesse completely. Declarer must give up a possible trick in diamonds in favor of a sure trick in spades or a ruff-and-suff.

Suppose that, after winning the ace of clubs, declarer were to cash a high trump, overtake the nine of trumps in dummy with the ten and then ruff a club high. After returning to dummy with a high diamond to ruff the last club high, declarer continues by cashing the remaining high diamond to see if the queen drops. When the lady does not appear, declarer simply exits with a diamond, and does not care which defender wins the trick.

Whoever is on lead has a choice of losing plays. If the defenders breaks spades, they can take only two tricks in the suit. If they play any other suit, declarer gets to discard a spade from one hand while ruffing in the other. Either way, South loses only two spades and a diamond.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MILES TAKES LEAD AFTER THIRD VICTORY: U.S. Grandmaster Anthony Miles held the lone lead in the Bienne international chess tournament Friday after his third straight victory. Playing black, he defeated Sweden's Ferdinand Hellers in 37 moves. The Soviet favourite, world No. 3 Vasily Ivanchuk, who had lost to Hellers in the previous round, rallied to defeat compatriot Lev Polugaevsky. (AP)

RANTANEN BACK HOME TO FINLAND: Finnish international striker Jari Rantanen has been sold by English second division soccer club Leicester City to HJK Helsinki for \$74,000, club officials said in London Friday. Leicester bought Rantanen from Sweden's IFK Gothenburg two years ago for \$82,000. The 27-year-old Finn played 19 times for Leicester and scored four goals. Former Scotland full-back Arthur Albiston has moved from English second division West Bromwich Albion to Scottish premier division Dundee for \$82,000. The 32-year-old ex-Manchester United won the last of his 16 international caps against Uruguay in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico.

VAN BREUKELN TO MISS START OF SEASON: PSV Eindhoven's international goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen has fractured a small bone in his left hand and will miss the start of the domestic soccer season, PSV manager Kees Ploegsma said in Amsterdam Friday. Van Breukelen has his hand in plaster and is expected to be out of action for at least five weeks, Ploegsma added. He sustained the injury in training for the new league season, which kicks off in two weeks. He is likely to be fit again for the European Cup first round clash against Swiss champions Lucerne on September 13. (R)

AOUTA TO MISS AFRICAN GAMES: Said Aouta will miss the African athletics championships in Nigeria next month because of a pulled muscle. Abderrahman Medkouri, president of the Royal Moroccan Athletics Federation, said in Rabat that Aouta was being treated in Switzerland and would not join the Moroccan team for the championships in Lagos from Aug. 4-8. (R)

COMMONWEALTH DRUG SAMPLES SENT TO AUSTRALIA: Drug test samples given by athletes during the Commonwealth Games in Auckland next year will be flown daily to Sydney, Australia, for testing, officials said in Adelaide Friday. The Australian Government Analytical Laboratory (AGAL) has won the contract to conduct the drug testing programme at the games scheduled for January 1990. Samples taken immediately after competition will be flown each day to Sydney, where scientists will work through the night to have results ready the next morning. Monitoring the process will be the International Olympic Committee medical chief, Manfred Honike. He will decide whether the Australian lab wins international accreditation. Australia has not had internationally-accredited drug testing facilities since a Brisbane laboratory failed a regular examination two years ago. AGAL will be given temporary accreditation for the duration of the games to allow it to analyse the samples. (AP)

NGUGI WILL NOT DEFEND WORLD TITLE: Kenyan John Ngugi, winner of a record four successive world cross country championships, will not defend his title next year. Shortly after winning the 5,000 metres at an athletics meeting between Kenya and Britain in London Friday, Ngugi said he would not compete in next year's championships in Aix-Le-Bains, France. "I will run the 10,000 metres at the Commonwealth Games next year," Ngugi said. "But I will not run in the world cross country championships. I don't want to run the cross country again." Ngugi said he now intended to concentrate on track events with a possible assault next year on the world 10,000 metres record. The Olympic 5,000 champion has not been impressive on the track so far this year but Friday he showed he will be a formidable proposition in the second half of the European season. (R)

PLAYERS JAILED FOR ASSAULTING REFEREE: Two Brazilian soccer players were sentenced to brief jail terms in Stockholm Friday for attacking the referee in an amateur tournament. Stockholm district court sentenced Alessandro Arcangeli, 26, of Brazilian club Botafogo, to one month in jail. His team-mate Marcio Thompson, 33, received a two-week sentence. Arcangeli, a businessman, and Thompson, an architect, have been in police custody since July 7 when they knocked referee Kari Grundstrom unconscious after he sent three Botafogo players off the field in a match against Swedish team Spanga in the Stockholm soccer cup. The referee was discharged from hospital after observation. The jail sentences include the time the players have spent in custody, meaning Thompson was free to leave the country while Arcangeli would have to spend another 10 days in jail, court officials said. (R)

KHAOSAI BATTERS CASTRO: Thailand's Khaosai Galazy survived his first knockdown in five years as champion to retain his world junior-bantamweight crown when Colombia's Alberto Castro retired after a 10-round battering on Saturday, in Surin, Thailand. Khaosai, making his 11th round defence of the World Boxing Association title, shrugged off his trip to the canvas when Castro caught him with a right to the head in the second round. The Thai bounced back after a mandatory count of eight, pummeling the taller, mobile challenger. Castro failed to take advantage of a cut that opened over the 30-year-old champion's right eye in the sixth round and never found an answer to the Thai southpaw's relentless right leads. The fight was decided in the middle rounds when Khaosai switched his attack to Castro's body, his heavy punches slamming into the Colombian's stomach.

Bubka to take year long leave

MOSCOW (R) — World and Olympic pole vault champion Sergei Bubka is officially taking a year off from competition although he might still take part in some Grand Prix events, Soviet coach Vyacheslav Yufrikov said Friday.

Yufrikov told Reuters Bubka was taking the year off before building up for the European championships and the goodwill games in Seattle in the United States next year.

"This will be a free season for Bubka," Yufrikov said. "He will take part in some competitions of his own choice and these might include some grand prix events."

He said the Soviet number two, Rodion Gataullin, who briefly held the world indoor record last year, would take Bubka's place at next week's European Cup competition in Gateshead, Britain.

"We want to test Gataullin in serious competitions. He will compete at Gateshead, and we will decide on the basis of his performance there if he will take part in the World Cup in Barcelona later in the year," Yufrikov said.

Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



THE BETTER HALF.

By Morris



"Better lose weight, Stanley. Someone thought you were a beanbag chair and offered me \$5 for you."

JUMBLE.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Hans Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RYJEK

GROOF

WAIRND

DESAUB



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: _____

Yesterday's Jumbles: COLIC BRAUL MANAGE ASSORB

Answer: What building that big tunnel must have been—A BIG "BORE"

مكتبة الأمل

150 killed in 2 days in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (Agencies) — At least 150 people have died in two days of ethnic violence as Indian troops prepared to withdraw on the second anniversary of a peace accord that failed to stop a rebellion threatening to divide the island, the military said Saturday.

The killings have taken place since the government imposed a nationwide curfew at midnight Thursday in hopes of preventing ethnic bloodshed while negotiating with the Indian soldiers to withdraw. The curfew was scheduled to last until 6 a.m. (0130 GMT) Sunday.

The casualties included nine Tamil guerrillas who were killed Friday in two separate clashes with Indian troops at Polikandi village, according to military officials. Polikandi is 300 kilometres north of Colombo, the capital.

The confrontations occurred Friday, just hours before India agreed to resume withdrawing the 45,000 troops it deployed in northern and eastern Sri Lanka two years ago to try to halt the Tamil insurrection, the officials said.

The rest of the victims were killed in southern Sri Lanka, the heartland of the island's majority ethnic group — the Sinhalese. Extremists among the Sinhalese, angered by the presence of the Indian soldiers and the government's attempts to negotiate peace with the rebels, have been waging a campaign of political assassinations against Sinhalese officials.

Among the latest victims were seven Sinhalese policemen killed when radicals attacked a police station in Mannikina, about 95 kilometres northeast of Colombo, officials said. Other officers opened fire and killed 16 militants, they said.

Military sources said the protests ordered by the Marxist-led People's Liberation Front occurred all over the island's central province Friday. Premadasa went on national television and radio to appeal for calm.

Premadasa urged everyone to bring peace to the strife-torn island.

While Colombo was eerily silent, police in central province said front members had gone from house to house in many

places, ordering people into the streets.

They said the worst incident was at Monaragala, 160 kilometres east of Colombo, where 21 people were killed when security forces opened fire on crowds refusing to go home.

Another 16 were killed in similar circumstances in the central city of Kandy, where a police station was attacked.

About 15 kilometres away, seven people were killed when troops fired at protesters who surrounded and disarmed a police patrol.

Throughout the day Saturday, state-run television repeated warnings from the government.

"Innocent civilians are being forcibly used in demonstrations. The security forces are aware of this and will take every precaution to protect the lives of innocent civilians in enforcing law and order," it said.

The government said 3,000 to 4,000 Indian troops were to begin leaving Saturday.

India agreed Friday to resume its troop withdrawal, averting a showdown with Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa who had called the continued Indian military presence a threat to his country's independence.



Deputies argue with Soviet President and party leader Mikhail Gorbachev during a recess in a session of the Soviet parliament convened to debate a strike by miners this week.

Opposition shapes in Soviet parliament

MOSCOW (AP) — About 250 lawmakers met Saturday and heard calls for Soviet reforms in what promises to become parliament's first organized opposition in nearly 70 years.

The fledgling organization, which met under the title of the "Inter-Regional Deputies' Group," is an advocate of more radical economic reforms and greater democracy.

Boris Yeltsin attended the session, and the official TASS news agency predicted that the maverick Communist, who frequently criticizes what he sees as the slow pace of Soviet reform, would be elected leader of the group. The election was scheduled Sunday.

Progressive economist Gavril Popov opened the group's first general meeting in a crowded auditorium at the Soviet Film-makers' Union.

He called for reform through

careful legal changes instead of the government's "spontaneous approach" to crisis after crisis.

Speakers immediately turned to discussion of projects they want to lobby for in the supreme Soviet parliament.

Organizers said many more than the 250 deputies who registered for the two-day general meeting wanted to come, but some could not obtain tickets and others had other obligations. All 2,250 deputies elected to this spring's Congress of People's Deputies were eligible to join.

TASS said they had a place in the reform process, but some legislators "have expressed the fear that in this complex time for the country, when many of action is required, this 'left-radical group' might turn into some kind of opposition."

Some members of the group said they already see the orga-

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Queen Elizabeth 'taping memoirs'

LONDON (R) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth is recording her memoirs on video tape but they will be locked away from public view, the Daily Express newspaper said Friday. A Buckingham Palace spokesman declined comment on the report in the pro-royalist daily. The newspaper said the queen's youngest son Prince Edward operates the video camera while the records her thoughts about national events and the eight prime ministers who have served her since 1952. Tradition dictates that British monarchs should not speak out publicly about politics and should avoid controversy. But it is widely believed in Britain that Queen Elizabeth does not get on as well with Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as she did with other leaders, such as Labour's Harold Wilson. The Daily Express said a former palace press officer suggested to the queen that she record her memoirs on film but she chose video because of the risk of a leak which film is sent for processing. It said the memoirs will be locked in the royal archives out of the public eye.

U-turn on speed limit in Italy

ROME (R) — Italy's new minister in charge of speed limits wants to reverse his predecessor's hard-won efforts to make Italians drive more slowly. Public Works Minister Gianni Prandini told Il Messaggero newspaper he would work for a law abolishing a 110-kilometer-per-hour limit for all but the lightest vehicles. Despite wide opposition from speed-loving Italians, his predecessor Enrico Ferri last summer ordered the 110-kph limit for weekends, holidays and all of July and August in the hope of cutting road deaths. The limit is 130-kph at other times. "Our aims are the same but we need to be flexible," Prandini said. "Excessively strict laws have so far stopped us reaching these aims." He favoured a limit of 130-kph on motorways at all times. Prandini also said he planned to relax seatbelt legislation introduced by Ferri, making them optional in big cities.

Mixup over 'Brian Mulroney'

CLEARWATER, Florida (AP) — A court clerk has apologized to Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for ordering him to appear in a Florida courtroom in connection with an anti-abortion protest. The premier was told to come to Pinellas circuit court after a man arrested during a June 19 anti-abortion demonstration in St. Petersburg told police his name was Brian Mulroney. He gave the prime minister's home address in Ottawa, Ontario, authorities said. The court didn't realise the problem until Canadian officials at the consul general's office in Atlanta telephoned court clerk Karleen F. Deblaker's office. They wanted to know why Mulroney was scheduled to appear in court the following day. "I apologise to you for any embarrassment caused you," Deblaker wrote. She also wrote four judges, the state attorney and the sheriff asking them to review the mixup and "prevent, to the extent possible, future problems of this nature."

Greenpeace halts Trident test

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — Anti-nuclear activists who halted the firing of a Trident 2 missile from a submarine said they would not block the rescheduled launch, but would continue their political battle against the weapon.

Four Greenpeace USA vessels forced postponement of the launch Friday when they sailed into an off-limits danger area in the Atlantic, 80 kilometres off Cape Canaveral, and ignored repeated warnings to leave.

It was the first time in the 38-year history of Cape Canaveral that such a protest had stopped a launching.

Steve Shellhorn, commander of one of the Greenpeace ships, said the activists would not be back at sea when the launch is rescheduled.

"We think we made our point, and we've been quite successful in focusing attention on America's most expensive missile system and in delaying its operational date," Shellhorn said Friday.

"We don't think we can match the navy test for test, so we will concentrate on eliminating the Trident 2 through the political process," he said. "But we won't rule out returning to the range eventually."

The navy called off the Trident 2 test several hours after the Greenpeace vessels penetrated the

safety zone.

A statement said the launch was postponed "because of the intentional interference from foreign flag ships in a designated hazardous operational area... concern for safety of interfering ships precluded the launch of the test missile."

"We're happy about it, of course," Greenpeace spokeswoman Shannon Fagan said.

Fagan said two large Greenpeace ships and two motorised rafts shadowed the submarine for hours, exercising their right to operate in international waters. Safety regulations require that a countdown be stopped if non-essential boats approach within about five kilometres of the submarine.

One of the motorised rafts slipped up to the submerged Tennessee and the three-man crew attached three "Nuclear Free Seas" banners to the submarine, two to the radio mast and one on the side, Fagan said.

She said a navy whale boat dispatched from a cruiser twice rammed one of the Greenpeace boats, the 18-metre Ketch Monticivanto, after warning it and the other intruding vessels that they were in danger because a missile launch was imminent. The damage was minor, she said.

Global weather (major world cities)

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| ATHENS | 20 | 28 | 32 90 Cloudy |
| BAHRAIN | 30 | 36 | 40 104 Clear |
| BANGKOK | 26 | 29 | 35 95 Clear |
| Buenos Aires | 07 | 13 | 55 97 Cloudy |
| CAIRO | 23 | 23 | 36 97 Clear |
| CHICAGO | 18 | 23 | 74 Cloudy |
| COSENZA | 14 | 21 | 70 Clear |
| FRANKFURT | 11 | 22 | 72 Cloudy |
| GENOVA | 14 | 27 | 81 Clear |
| HONG KONG | 23 | 23 | 73 Rain |
| ISTANBUL | 22 | 22 | 82 Cloudy |
| LONDON | 18 | 21 | 69 100 Clear |
| LOS ANGELES | 19 | 26 | 80 96 Clear |
| MADRID | 22 | 22 | 38 100 Clear |
| MEXICO | 23 | 23 | 74 100 Clear |
| MONTREAL | 08 | 25 | 77 Cloudy |
| MOSCOW | 14 | 14 | 54 M.M. |
| NEW DELHI | 27 | 27 | 80 93 Cloudy |
| NEW YORK | 22 | 22 | 81 88 Clear |
| PARIS | 16 | 21 | 70 73 Cloudy |
| ROME | 19 | 24 | 75 80 Clear |
| SEATTLE | 13 | 20 | 68 Cloudy |
| SYDNEY | 24 | 24 | 75 84 Cloudy |
| VIENNA | 17 | 24 | 75 Clear |

M - indicates missing information.



Burmese students stage a demonstration outside their embassy in Bangkok demanding the release of Burmese opposition leaders.

Rangoon frees convicts, arrests political activists

BANGKOK (AP) — Burma's military government says it has freed thousands of criminals this past week, but according to diplomats, authorities also have arrested hundreds of political activists.

The official Radio Rangoon reported Wednesday that 1,187 criminals were freed nationwide that day, bringing to 1,131 the number released under an amnesty announced July 20.

The amnesty commuted death sentences to life imprisonment, reduced life terms to 10 years and cut other terms by two-thirds.

But the amnesty applied only to cases that arose before Sept. 18, 1988, and not to cases of high treason or breaches of martial law imposed since then.

On Sept. 18, the army under General Saw Maung moved to crush a nationwide mass movement for democracy, killing hundreds of people, mostly unarmed protesters. He declared martial law that severely curtailed public gatherings and freedom of speech.

On July 18, the eve of a planned mass opposition rally, the government tightened martial law and threatened offenders with

death sentences.

Two days later, Aung San Suu Kyi and Tin Oo, the leaders of the National League for Democracy (NLD), were placed under house arrest. The government charged they had attempted "to destroy the military and create anarchy in the country."

On Thursday, a military tribunal sentenced to death three NLD members who allegedly confessed to a bomb attack that killed two people at the country's main oil refinery July 7.

No details of the trial of Than Zaw, 27, Moe Kyaw Thus, 17, and Nye Nyi Oo, 25, were made public.

Before her arrest, Suu Kyi said the suspects in the oil refinery bombing were members of her party, but she had seen no evidence that implicated them.

Dissidents and Western diplomats in Rangoon said authorities had arrested hundreds of dissidents since putting the two opposition leaders under house arrest.

"They are going to people's houses at night, they are pulling them off the streets, even off of buses or out of offices and hotels," one diplomat said in a

telephone interview from Bangkok.

British officials say the Burmese government also has restricted the movements of Suu Kyi's British husband, Michael Aris. He had returned to Rangoon from Britain Saturday.

At a government news conference Friday, Foreign Minister Ohn Kyaw denied rumours that Suu Kyi had begun a hunger strike to protest her detention. He said both opposition leaders "are in good health in their respective houses."

Diplomats in Rangoon said Thursday they were baffled by the mass release of criminals but speculated that the jails were being cleared to make way for political prisoners. They said it was also possible the criminals were released to spread fear among the people.

The government also released thousands of criminals during last year's protests in a move diplomats said was designed to convince the people that they needed a tough army presence.

Saw Maung has sought to justify his rule by saying the country was facing anarchy.

Khashoggi joins 'in' crowd

NEW YORK (AP) — Adnan Khashoggi, released on \$10 million bail, joins those jail inmates who get to go home as long as they wear an electronic bracelet that keeps tabs on their whereabouts.

"It's not the be-all, end-all panacea, but it's the hottest thing in the business," according to Michael Mahoney, executive director of the Chicago-based John Howard Association, a prison watchdog group.

After his release Thursday, he was driven to an apartment he owns in the luxury Olympic Towers on Fifth Avenue.

The wristlet, the brand of bracelet Khashoggi wears, is the size of a Rolex. He is wearing the black band around his right ankle, according to the U.S. marshal's office.

Here's how it works: computerized telephone calls will come randomly into his apartment. A computerized voice will tell him he has 30 or 60 seconds to touch his device with a flashlight-like wand attached to the telephone, according to March Renzema, associate professor of criminal justice at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, who knows the device.

A code will decide if this is Khashoggi. He will state his name and the conversation will be taped, said Renzema.

If the signal is lost for a certain period of time, "it phones home and says Mr. Khashoggi or whomever is not home any more, send out the SWAT team," Renzema said.

In 1988, nearly 2,300 offenders were using electronic monitoring devices in 33 states, about three times the number using them a year earlier, according to statistics from the Department of Justice.

This year, 5,400 offenders in 37 states and Puerto Rico are making their presence known electronically, according to Renzema.

Offenders given the opportunity to use the devices, Renzema said, are "white collar offenders people they are not worried are going to rape and kill."

Renzema said most of those using the devices are on probation.

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Herb Emswiler

YEASTY
By Stanley B. Whitman

ACROSS

- 1 Musical display
- 2 Punctuation mark
- 3 These against
- 4 Cow cry
- 5 Bread spread
- 6 Here and there
- 7 Frigate
- 8 Pay dirt
- 9 Tired soul
- 10 List of
- 11 Certain
- 12 Alaska
- 13 Complete
- 14 Caught
- 15 Jurisprudential
- 16 20th-century
- 17 Excalibur
- 18 Turk. title
- 19 Kaffir
- 20 Gooch

DOWN

- 1 Musical direction
- 2 Need
- 3 Track figures
- 4 Franklin
- 5 Orchestra
- 6 Member
- 7 Bowled
- 8 Cried
- 9 Tennis name
- 10 Sgt.
- 11 Sanborn
- 12 Literary device
- 13 Archipelago
- 14 Hologram
- 15 Actress Dahl
- 16 Frow
- 17 Houston pros
- 18 Macho
- 19 Points del.
- 20 Lefter port

36 Corn unit

37 Enlarged a hole

38 Put it to

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40 — over

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42 Musical hit

43 Perfect score at

44 Lines

45 Far from a

46 Depressed

47 Alaska

48 Landed

49 Ancestral

50 Lena of song

51 Hankshaw

52 Bus. sch.

53 Probate court

54 word

55 Tawdry

68 WWII soldiers

69 Carried

70 Sheddling

71 Years

72 Exec.

73 de Cologne

74 Unit of work

75 Air, antelope

76 Hurtled

77 Unsuspected

78 Winner

79 Famous race

80 Always to poets

81 Dux

82 Lena of song

83 Hankshaw

84 Rub out

85 Lunka

86 Probate court

87 word

88 Examination

104 Attila

105 To — (verb)

106 Game word

107 Famous place

108 Singsong

109 Lacking

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111 Certain Civil

112 War Northern

113 Metal factory

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Diagrams 19 X 19, By Craig Schultz

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- 2 Sea's neighbor
- 3 Tennis
- 4 Ma Turner
- 5 Hubbub
- 6 Move to and fro
- 7 Omen
- 8 — majesty
- 9 Witty remark
- 10 Electrical measure

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- 1 Sicilian volcano
- 2 Liquid measure
- 3 Ensl
- 4 Ma Turner
- 5 Hubbub
- 6 Move to and fro
- 7 Omen
- 8 — majesty
- 9 Witty remark
- 10 Electrical measure

23 Hate intensely

24 From — 2

25 Jacob's brother

26 — "Tenn"

27 Precise

28 Sadness feeling

29 Swine

30 Enchanted for

31 — New Guinea

32 Semicolon

43 RSVP word

44 Glass off

45 Burned

46 Informal

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SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES

